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YEO FORGERY TRIAL.

MR. BLACK'S INTERVIEW WITH BANK.

SHARP PASSAGES BETWEEN WITNESS AND COUNSEL.

"CAREFUL WITH WORDS."

Keen interest in the trial of Carvalho Yeo for alleged forgery arising out of the Treasury frauds was again manifested at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when there was a large attendance of the general public.

The whole morning was devoted to further cross-examination of Mr. T. Black, of the Treasury, by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, and this finally concluded when the Court adjourned for tillin. Altogether, Mr. Black had been under cross-examination, yesterday and to-day, for five hours.

Several sharp passages occurred between Mr. Jenkin and Mr. Black in relation to the latter's statement yesterday that he did not report the discovery of the fraud to Mr. Messer. Mr. Jenkin suggested that his question was not quite fairly answered, remarking "I see; I have to be very careful with the words I use."

Mr. Black then admitted that he saw Mr. Messer before he went to the Bank, and was given specific instructions to do certain things.

It was suggested to Mr. Black that his main purpose in going to the Bank was to convince them that the Government account should not be debited with the forged cheques.

FIVE HOURS CROSS-EXAMINATION.

When the court resumed Mr. think Mr. King was there at the examination of Mr. Black.

Before doing so, however, he said that the cross-examinations of Mr. Black, Mr. Messer and Tsang On-wing would be the longest. Many of the other witnesses would only be questioned shortly, and some probably not at all.

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BRITISH REPLY TO AMERICA.

RETURN TO QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT.

TEXT TO BE PUBLISHED IMMEDIATELY.

WINSTON'S PARABLE.

London, Nov. 21.

Rather markedly avoiding the use of the expression Anglo-French naval compromise, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons to-day that a reply to the Note of the United States Government regarding the limitation of naval armaments would be despatched shortly.

The Government at the same time were sending a Reply to the Japanese Note.

The Replies would be published as soon as they were in the hands of the Governments concerned, added Mr. Locker-Lampson.

Amusing Parable.

A rather amusing parable was used by Mr. Winston Churchill when speaking to his constituents at Aldersbrook on the subject of disarmament recently.

He referred to the Anglo-French agreement, and said that people who had been "demanding the publication of all the papers relating to it were now indignant to find that there was nothing to which anyone could object in all that had been done."

"When an agreement has been reached between Great Britain and France," he added, "to leave off criticizing various points in each other's technical armaments it is a step forward towards the larger measure of agreement if possible for world disarmament."

The discussion of the last two years had tended to bring naval, military, and air matters into a position of international consequence and prominence which was not at all warranted by anything in the present peaceable state of the world.

Defensive Weapons.

"In order not to give offence to anyone, I will use a parable," said Mr. Churchill. "Once upon a time all the animals in the Zoo decided that they would disarm and they arranged to have a conference to decide the matter."

"So the rhinoceros said, when he opened the proceedings, that the use of teeth was barbarous and horrible and ought to be strictly prohibited by general consent. Horns, which were mainly defensive weapons, would, of course, have to be allowed. The buffalo, the stag, the porcupine, and even the little hedgehog all said they would vote with the rhino, but the lion and the tiger took a different view. They defended teeth and even claws, which they described as honourable weapons of immemorial antiquity. The panther, the leopard, the puma and the whole tribe of small cats all supported the lion and the tiger. (Laughter.)"

The Bear's Opinion.

"Then the bear spoke. He proposed that both teeth and horns should be banned and never used again for fighting by any animal. It would be enough if animals were allowed to give each other a good hug when they quarrelled. No one could object to that. (Laughter.) It was so fraternal, and would be a great step towards peace. (Laughter.)"

"However, all the other animals were greatly offended with the bear, and the turkey fell into a perfect panic. (Laughter.) The discussion got so hot and angry, and all these animals began thinking so much about horns and teeth and hugging when they argued about peaceful intentions that they began to look at one another in a nasty way. (Laughter.)"

"Luckily the keepers were able to calm them down and persuade them to go back quietly to their cages, and they began to feel friendly with one another again."

Mr. Churchill however hoped that he would not be asked to bring his parable into any relation with anything that had taken place or was taking place at the present time.

AMUSING SHANGHAI SPECTACLE.

AMERICAN PULLS RICKSHA IN FROCK COAT!

RESULT OF WAGER.

Shanghai, Nov. 22.

A singular and most amusing spectacle was witnessed in the heart of the business centre of the Settlement yesterday when, in Nan-king Road, an American merchant was seen pulling a ricksha whilst wearing a frock coat and silk hat.

The merchant concerned was Mr. Joseph Susman, and he made his appearance on the street in this amazing manner as the result of having lost a wager that Governor Smith would be returned in the U. S. Presidential election.

In the ricksha was a big sailor from the U. S. S. Pittsburgh, weighing over 200 lbs.

The rider continually prodded the puller to proceed faster and refused to pay his fare on the termination of the journey.

Thereupon, the "coolie" raised

his majesty the king indisposed.

Confined to Bed With Cold and Fever.

NO ANXIETY FELT.

London, Nov. 21.

According to a bulletin signed by Lord Dawson, Physician-in-Ordinary to H.M. the King, and Sir Stanley Hewitt, Surgeon Apothecary to the Royal Household, His Majesty is suffering from a slight cold, and some fever.

For the present, His Majesty is remaining in bed.

Reuter is informed on the highest authority that the King's medical advisers have no anxiety regarding His Majesty's condition. A complete recovery is confidently expected within a few days.

Reuter.

the hue and cry in approved ricksha-man style.

The affair was arranged for the tillin-hour, and it did much to add to the gaiety on life in the Settlement.—Our Own Correspondent.

M.C.C. TEAM LOSING A BOWLER.

STAPLES RETURNING TO ENGLAND.

Sydney, Nov. 21.

The M.C.C. team in Australia is suffering the loss of one of their best bowlers, an announcement having been made to-day that Sam Staples, the well-known Nottingham player, who has been troubled with lumbago since his arrival "down under" has not made the expected recovery and is therefore returning to England at his own request.

Staples is leaving on November 27th, three days before the First Test Match.—Reuter.

IRISH DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

MR. SMIDDY AS COMMISSIONER IN LONDON.

London, Nov. 21.

It was announced in the Daily Mail that Mr. Smiddy, the Irish Free State Minister to the United States, has been recalled and appointed High Commissioner to London.

The decision to establish Free State Embassies in Berlin and Paris was also announced.—Reuter.

GENERAL BOOTH WORSE.

London, Nov. 21.

Following a bad night, General Bramwell Booth is to-day not so well.—Reuter.

GLASGOW TRAIN DISASTER.

SIGNALMAN CHARGED WITH NEGLIGENCE.

SAME SURNAME AS DEAD BRIDEGROOM.

REMANDED ON BAIL.

London, Nov. 21.

The official enquiry into the railway disaster at Glasgow last month when the London and North Eastern express crashed into an empty train in the middle of a tunnel near Queen Street station, resulted in a finding that the signals were not in order.

The sequel was the appearance at the Glasgow Sheriff Court this morning of James Gray, a railway signalman, charged with culpable neglect of duty.

After a brief hearing, the signalman was remanded on bail.

Reuter.

Edinburgh Passengers.

The train involved was the 9.45 p.m. express for Edinburgh and London, due to arrive at King's Cross at 7.30 a.m.; but owing to heavy bookings the train was run in duplicate, the first portion for passengers to Edinburgh and the second portion for those travelling to London.

This second portion was due to leave at 9.51 p.m. London-bound passengers therefore escaped the accident.

It appears that the express had just gone two or three hundred yards into the tunnel when, for some reason, the train was stopped. Another train going to Alloa, near Stirling, ran into the back of it.

The impact was so great that the engine of the second train went right through the last three compartments of the Edinburgh train.

Three Killed.

Three persons were killed and 48 injured.

Rescue work proceeded all night, the darkness of the tunnel intensifying the horror. Three telescoped coaches had to be chopped in order to release the victims.

One of the dead men, William Gray, of Elrick-place, Newlands, Glasgow, was going on his honeymoon. His wife was badly injured about the legs and was removed to the infirmary. They had been married three hours previously.

A second newly wedded pair were Mr. and Mrs. James Ross of Glasgow. Both were injured, each having a broken leg.

Terrible Crash.

The crash between the two trains was such that it was heard in Queen-street Station.

The noise of breaking glass and splintering wood was followed by the groans of the injured, as the carriages became telescoped.

Although the noise was heard all over the station, owing to the singing and dancing of a crowd of Canadian emigrants on one of the platform, its import was not realised for a few minutes.

Then when a few officials dashed through the gloom of the tunnel they were greeted by the shouting of men and the screaming of women and children, many in pain and others in terror.

Many passengers had amazing escapes from death.

Crushed to Pulp.

The end of the last carriage of the Edinburgh train was smashed to matchwood, but apparently not a single person had been seated there. The next carriage was crushed like pulp, and, extraordinary to relate, none of its passengers was killed.

One of them stated that he was sitting talking when he heard a roar like a sudden peal of thunder overhead, and the next instant the buffers crashed through the woodwork between his feet. He was badly bruised, and his hands were cut with flying glass and broken timber.

In the darkness of the tunnel, musty with soot and grime, railwaymen and doctors worked desperately to extricate the injured and others imprisoned in the wreckage.

BOXER INDEMNITY REMISSION.

ALARM AT U. S. TRUSTEES CHANGES.

COMMONS QUESTIONS.

London, Nov. 21.

The problem of the Boxer Indemnity remission was brought up in the House of Commons to-day when Viscount Sandon asked the Foreign Secretary, whether, in view of the altered composition of the Chinese section of the Board of Trustees of the United States Boxer Indemnity Fund, action would be taken to forestall a similar development in the case of the British Fund.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson pointed out that no power for the appointment of a Board of Trustees for the administration of the British Fund at present exists.

No Board could be established until a Bill amending the Act of 1925, has been submitted to the House of Commons and passed. Meanwhile the funds of the Boxer Indemnity reposed in the hands of the Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Locker-Lampson informed Viscount Sandon, however, that the Government would bear in mind the chance effected in the Chinese members of the American Boxer Fund when considering its own future action.—Reuter.

Curious Conflict.

STATUS OF CHINA'S FOREIGN DIPLOMATISTS.

London, Nov. 21.

In the House of Commons at question-time, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson said that as far as the Government were aware, no Power intended immediately to raise the status of its representative in Peking.

Great Britain did not propose to make any definite change until views had been frankly and fully exchanged with other interested Powers.—Reuter.

Mr. Locker-Lampson's statement is curious in view of a cable received from Washington on the 13th instant, stating that Mr. F. B. Kellogg had announced that the United States Government is raising the Legation in China to the rank of an Embassy.

NEW ARCHBISHOP ELECTED.

DR. GORDON LANG SUCCEEDS DR. DAVIDSON.

London, Nov. 21.

The Very Rev. Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang was elected Archbishop of Canterbury by the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury to-day.

The ceremony was most impressive, each member of the Chapter proceeding to the table of a notary public and affixing his signature to the voting form.

Following this, the Dean declared that the election of Dr. Lang was unanimous.—British Wireless.

QUAKE FELT IN MANILA.

EARLY MORN SHOCK FOR RESIDENTS.

Manila, Nov. 22.

A quake, believed to be local in origin, aroused the inhabitants of Manila at one o'clock this morning.

No damage is reported.—Reuter.

DUTCH CONTRACTOR'S DEATH.

Amsterdam, Nov. 21.

The death is announced of M. Lela, the head of the Smit Company, international towing service contractors, who loved the floating dock to Singapore recently.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE STANDING OUT.

Buenos Aires, Nov. 21.

It is announced that the Government of Argentina will not be represented in Washington at the forthcoming Pan-American Conference on arbitration and conciliations.—Reuter's American Service.

LABOUR THREAT IN CABLE DEBATE.

KEEN ATTACK ON BILL COVERING SALE.

"FUTURE" GOVERNMENT AND THE CONTRACT.

TAXPAYER BENEFITS.

London, Nov. 21.

The antagonism of the Labour Party to the wireless and telegraph merger was no less marked to-day when Mr. A. M. Samuel, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, moved the second reading of the Imperial Telegraph Bill in the House of Commons, than when the report of the Imperial Conference was submitted to the House.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald led the attack, and threw out a hint that in the event of the Labour Party being returned to power at the next election, the new Government might reconsider the validity of the contract.

Moving the second reading, Mr. Samuel said that the measure was a necessary step for giving effect to the recommendations of the Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference.

Excellent Bargain.

The Government regarded the recommendations as an excellent bargain for the State, and the partner Governments were fully satisfied that the price was entirely adequate.

The Bill authorised the sale to the Communications Company which was to be formed, of the Pacific Cable undertaking, the Western India cable and two trans-Atlantic cables which were now in possession of the Postmaster-General.

It also provided for the dissolution of the Pacific Cable Board when the transfer of the undertaking for which they were responsible had been completed.

The Bill did not deal with the beam service.

Taking Over Debt.

The three cable services had been very seriously affected by wireless and beam competition. The Pacific Cable was owned by His Majesty's Government and the Governments of Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

The Cable was to be sold on the basis that the Communications Company took over the loan capital debt, and paid, in addition, a capital sum of £517,000 which was divisible between the partner Governments. The West India Cable was owned by Great Britain, Canada and some of the West India Islands. That Cable would be sold for £200,000.

The remaining property—Imperial Cables—consisted of two cables across the Atlantic operated by the Post Office, one being an ex-German cable. They would be sold for £450,000 sterling.

Millions Benefit.

If the three properties were taken together the partner Governments were relieved of a debt of £1,233,000 on the loan debt, and, besides, received £1,267,000.

Apart from that, they were receiving an annual payment or rent in the respect of the beam of £220,000 in cash and £30,000 in cash besides.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald moved that "this House declines to assent to the second reading of a Bill, which sacrifices public utility to private gain by disposing of valuable State undertakings to private interests."

"Abuse of Trust."

He declared that the Government had no right to alienate public property and public control, and he declared that the Government had abused their trust.

Going on to speak of public ownership of properties of the kind, Mr. MacDonald threw out a hint that a future Government might reconsider the validity of the contract.

He argued that the Government were not bound to accept the recommendations of the Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference and declared it to be absurd that Government representatives on the new Company should be nominated and approved by the Company.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 357, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant.

Hongkong, Thurs, 22nd Nov., 1928.
—Dress—South China Command order No. 1928/7 (II) dated 13th November, 1928 is repeated for information and compliance of all officers.

(H) Officers will wear Home Service Mess Dress with effect from 10th November, 1928.

2. Leather Belts.—The Commandant notices that certain men are still in possession of leather belts. The attention of all O.S. Companies is drawn to previous Corps Orders on the subject and are directed to arrange with Corps Headquarters to change all leather belts for web.

3. Great Coats.—Men proceeding to and from Camp will either wear great coats or carry them slung under Company arrangements. The practice of carrying the great coat over the arm to be discontinued.

4. Annual Camp.

The following units will proceed to Fanning Camp from Friday evening, 23rd to Sunday evening 25th November.

Corps Band, Car Section, Motor Cycle Section, Machine Gun Company and Portuguese Company.

Men can proceed to camp the evening of the day before i.e. on Friday evening of 23rd November, 1928.

Those wishing to have their baggage sent to the Camp at Fanning must deliver it, clearly labelled with Owners' names at Corps Headquarters by 2 p.m. on Friday, 23rd November.

Rations for 3rd weekend, O. C. Companies will report to The Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. by 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 28th November the number of all ranks attending camp, stating meals required, so that rations can be arranged.

All ranks are directed to take the top track to Camp i.e. past Mr. Silva's bungalow, the M. I. Stables and through the gap to camp. The lower track through the fields must not be used.

5. Corps Band.

There will be a full Band practice on Tuesday, 27th November at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters.

Those who wish to shoot will parade in the Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters on Wednesday, 28th November, 1928 under R.S.M. W.H. Edmonds.

6. The Battery.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. on Friday, 23rd and Tuesday, 27th November. Battery Drill. Signallers under Sergt. J. M. Jack.

Camp. The following are the dates on which The Battery will go into camp at Tai Lam, New Territories, this year.

1st Weekend p.m. Friday, 7th December to p.m. 10th December.

2nd Weekend p.m. Friday, 14th December to p.m. 16th December.

Attendance at camp is a condition for efficiency.

Transport to camp will be provided as follows:

Friday, 7th December by Bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 8th December by Bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 2.00 p.m.

Friday, 14th December by Bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 15th December by Bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 2.00 p.m.

The Battery.

Any members who cannot parade at Kowloon Ferry at 6 p.m. on the Fridays but can reach camp before the 8 a.m. parade on the Saturday mornings must do so.

Dress: Marching Order: i.e. Helmet, tunic, shorts, puttees, khaki shirt, bandolier, gaiters and boots. Puttees will be worn—Tape at bottom.

All N.C.O.s are reminded that badges of rank in white tape must be worn on khaki shirts.

Khaki slacks may be worn when off duty in evening.

7. Engineer Company.

The Company will parade at Belcher's Fort on Tuesday, 27th November at 5.30 p.m. for instruction in Parts of Lamp, Projector and Electrical Circuits.

Dress: Uniform or mufli optional.

8. Corps Signals.

Parade on Monday, 20th November and Thursday, 29th November for

Signal Instruction at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufli.

9. Mounted Infantry Company.

Thursday, 22nd November at Corps Headquarters for M. G. Instruction at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, 29th November. Parade at Corps Headquarters for M. G. Instruction at 5.30 p.m.

10. Armoured Car Company.

Car Section. Friday, 23rd November. Parade at 5.30 p.m. outside Kowloon Railway Station to proceed by road to Fanning Camp. Dress: Tunic, shorts, puttees, hose, helmet, bandolier, belt (no sidearms) and rifle.

Friday, 30th November. There will be no parade.

Monday, 26th November. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction. Dress: Mufli.

Motor Cycle Section.

Annual Camp—Friday 23rd to Sunday, 25th November.

All ranks will parade with motor cycles outside the Kowloon Railway Station at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 23rd November ready to proceed to camp by road.

Dress: Uniform with breeches, bandoliers, belts, haversacks and waterbottles, no sidearms.

Caps will be worn and helmets carried along from the left shoulder strap. Greatcoats will be carried and rifles slung.

Motor Cycle combinations will be in charge of L/Cpls. Rogers and Thomas.

A special lighter will be ready at the Hongkong side to convey machines across the harbour. All machines must be on board by 5.10 p.m.

11. Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade as strong as possible at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 27th November at Corps Headquarters for Advanced Gun Drill, Traversing and Corrected Elevations. Dress: Overalls.

12. Scottish Company.

Thursday, 29th November. Platoons will parade at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction, dress mufli, as follows:

Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons at Corps Headquarters.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock.

Pipes and Drums will parade for practice at Corps Headquarters on Wednesday, 28th November, 1928.

St. Andrew's Ball. It is hoped all those attending will do so in the Kilt.

Dress: Diced Hose, flashes, kilt, sporran, white Mess Jacket and vest, latter with small brass Corps buttons.

Church Parade—as previously announced in orders will take place on Sunday, 2nd December. A full strength parade is requested.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 10.30 a.m.

Dress: Review Order without rifles i.e. spats, diced hose, flashes, kilt, sporran, tunic, belt and sidearms.

Glengarry. Medals will be worn.

After parade the Children of St. Andrew's Society, The Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, will be "At Home" to the Company at Corps Headquarters.

13. Portuguese Company.

The Company will parade at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, 30th November at 5.30 p.m.

It is most important that all ranks attend this parade.

The Peak Range has been allocated to the Company Rifle Club on Saturday, 2nd December. Firing will commence at 9 a.m.

14. Reserve Company.

Wednesday, 28th November. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. and proceed to Kennedy Road Range by Ford Truck for Machine Gun Firing practice. Dress: Mufli.

15. Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1421 Pte. W. A. Simpson, M. C. Section, from 15. 11. 28.

No. 1422 Pte. G. Remedios, No. 9 Platoon, from 15. 11. 28.

No. 1423 Pte. L. M. R. Pereira, No. 9 Platoon, from 15. 11. 28.

No. 1424 Pte. H. M. Remedios, No. 9 Platoon, from 15. 11. 28.

No. 1425 Pte. C. T. Quin, No. 2 Platoon, from 15. 11. 28.

No. 1426 Pte. F. Baker, Corps Headquarters from 19. 11. 28.

No. 1427 Pte. C. A. E. Remedios, No. 10 Platoon, from 19. 11. 28.

No. 1428 Pte. H. M. Xavier, No. 9 Platoon, from 20. 11. 28.

No. 1429 Pte. V. Bernardo, No. 9 Platoon, from 20. 11. 28.

16. Promotion.

The following extract from the Hongkong Government Gazette dated

ROBBERS CAUGHT.

ARRESTED AFTER JUMPING FROM SAMPAN.

An armed robbery committed by four men on board a sampan in the Yau-mai typhoon shelter on the night of October 29, had a sequel before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when two men were charged with complicity.

Sub-Inspector Dorling conducted the prosecution and outlining the case to his Worship, said that the complainant's sampan was lying fast alongside the sea wall in the typhoon shelter. At about 9 o'clock on the night of October 29, a small dinghy went alongside the sampan. Two men boarded the complainant's craft under the pretext that they were about to search for opium.

A few minutes later the mistress of the sampan was called onto a junk, which was also alongside the sea wall, and was searched by one of the men from the dinghy. The woman was relieved of her purse and it was then that she realised that the men were robbers. She shouted for assistance and the man on the junk ran ashore, while the two men on the sampan jumped into the water. One of these was rescued by the woman's husband who was in the vicinity, while the other was captured by a friend who was on the sampan with the complainant.

The two men who had originally remained in the dinghy made good their escape.

The case was adjourned.

16. 11. 28.

"His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to approve of the promotion of Lieut. John Cecil Macgown, M. B., to the rank of Captain in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from the 13th November, 1928."

17. Posting.

No. 1420 Pte. F. Baker is posted to Corps Headquarters.

18. Promotions and Appointments.

Corps Headquarters.

No. 1420 Pte. F. Baker to be Lance Sergeant as from 21. 11. 28.

M. I. Company.

No. 207. Sergt. A. Hutton-Potts, to be Company Sergt-Major, as from 21. 11. 28.

No. 1 Platoon.

No. 725 Pte. G. P. Lammer to be Lance Corporal, as from 20. 11. 28.

No. 5 Platoon.

No. 739 Pte. J. A. Watson, to be Corporal, as from 20. 11. 28.

No. 7 Platoon.

No. 701 Corp. T. P. Sanderson, to be Lance Sergt., as from 13. 11. 28.

19. Leave.

No. 833 Spr. K. S. Robertson, Engineer Company having returned from leave, rejoined for duty on 21. 10. 28.

No. 1091 Pte. W. G. H. Deacon, No. 2 Platoon from 1. 10. 28. to 31. 3. 29.

No. 1381 Pte. K. H. Batger, No. 1 Platoon, from 10. 8. 28. to 31. 12. 28.

No. 1205 Pte. M. A. Silva, No. 9 Platoon, from 2. 11. 28. to 1. 3. 29.

No. 1410 Pte. P. W. J. Planner, M. C. Section, from 24. 11. 28. to 23. 12. 28.

No. 911 Signaller J. M. Shroff, Corps Signals, leave extended to 15. 12. 28.

20. Struck Off the Strength.

Having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge, as from 1. 10. 28.

No. 884 Spr. C. W. E. Bishop, Engineer Company.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAJOR, ADJUTANT, H. K. V. D. CORPS.

Notice.

Machine Gun Company Dance.—Invitation Tickets are now ready for the Company Dance to be held at the City Hall on Friday, 14th December and applications should be made to:

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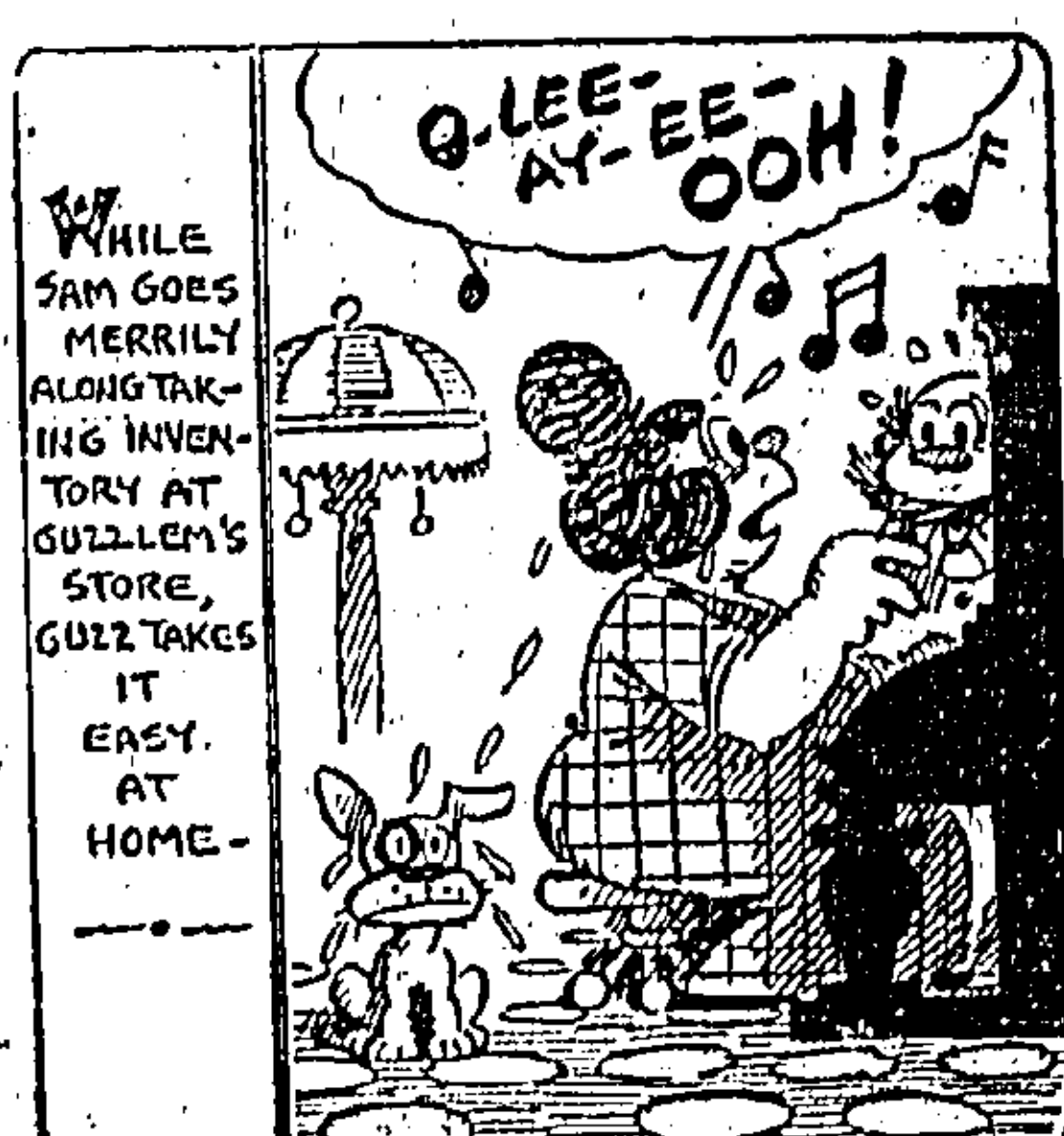
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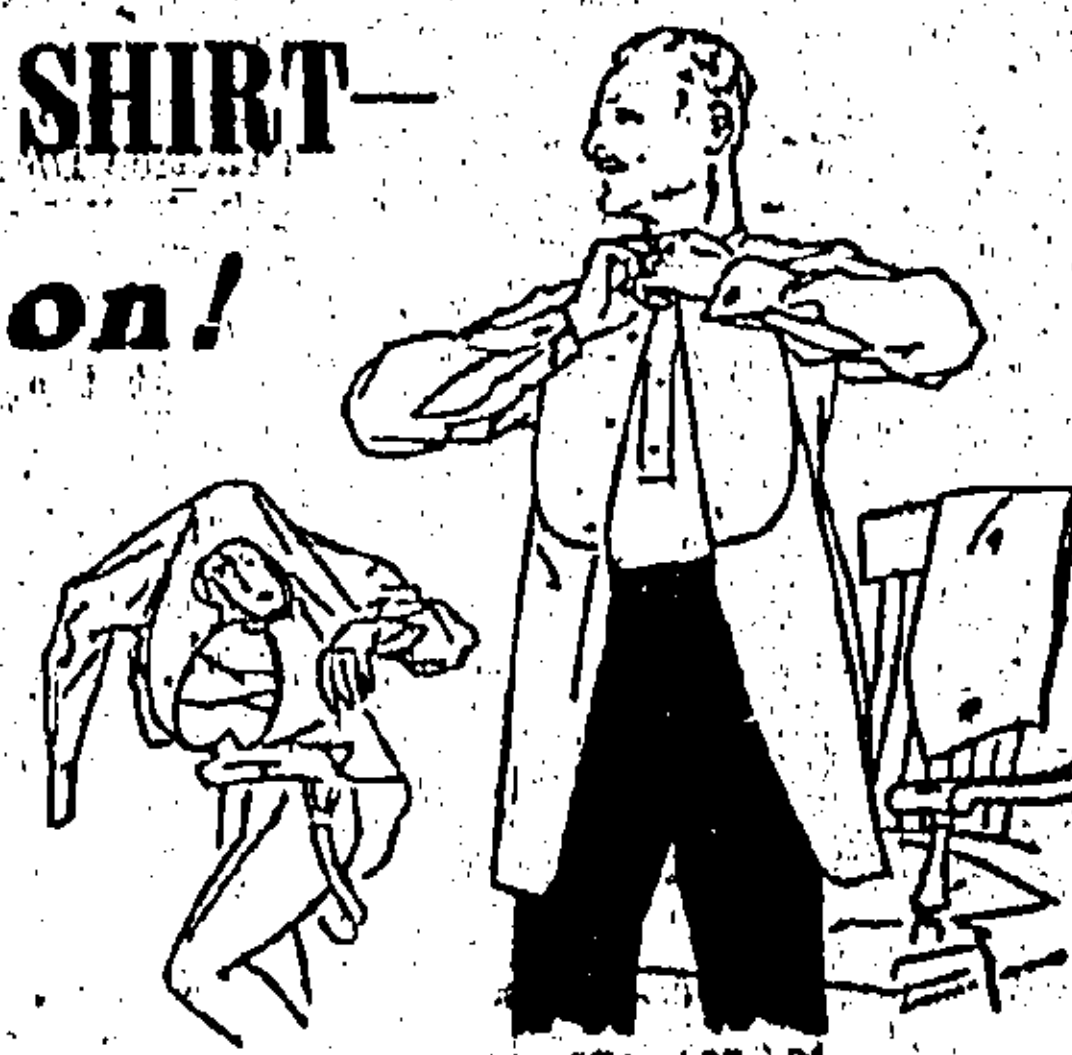


The Armistice Day observances in Shanghai commenced with a commemoration service at the War Memorial on the Bund when representatives of all the Allied nations, military, naval and civilian, attended to pay their tribute to the memory of those who made the great sacrifice in the tragic days of 1914-1918. The excellent picture above shows Mr. E. S. Cunningham, the Senior Consul, addressing the gathering from the foot of the memorial, and the wreath bearers of the S.M.C., F.M.C., ex-Service Associations, Services, and patriotic associations. Inset is a photograph of Mr. Cunningham heading the procession of Allied Consuls bearing their wreath.



Lady Astor, one of the British lady M. P. Astor, went to the United States for the purpose of attending the Virginia Governor's Ball. Lady Astor, who is an American by birth, led the grand march with Harry Flood Byrd, the state's chief executive. Photo shows lady Astor at the brilliant affair wearing a tiara reputed to be worth a million Hongkong dollars.

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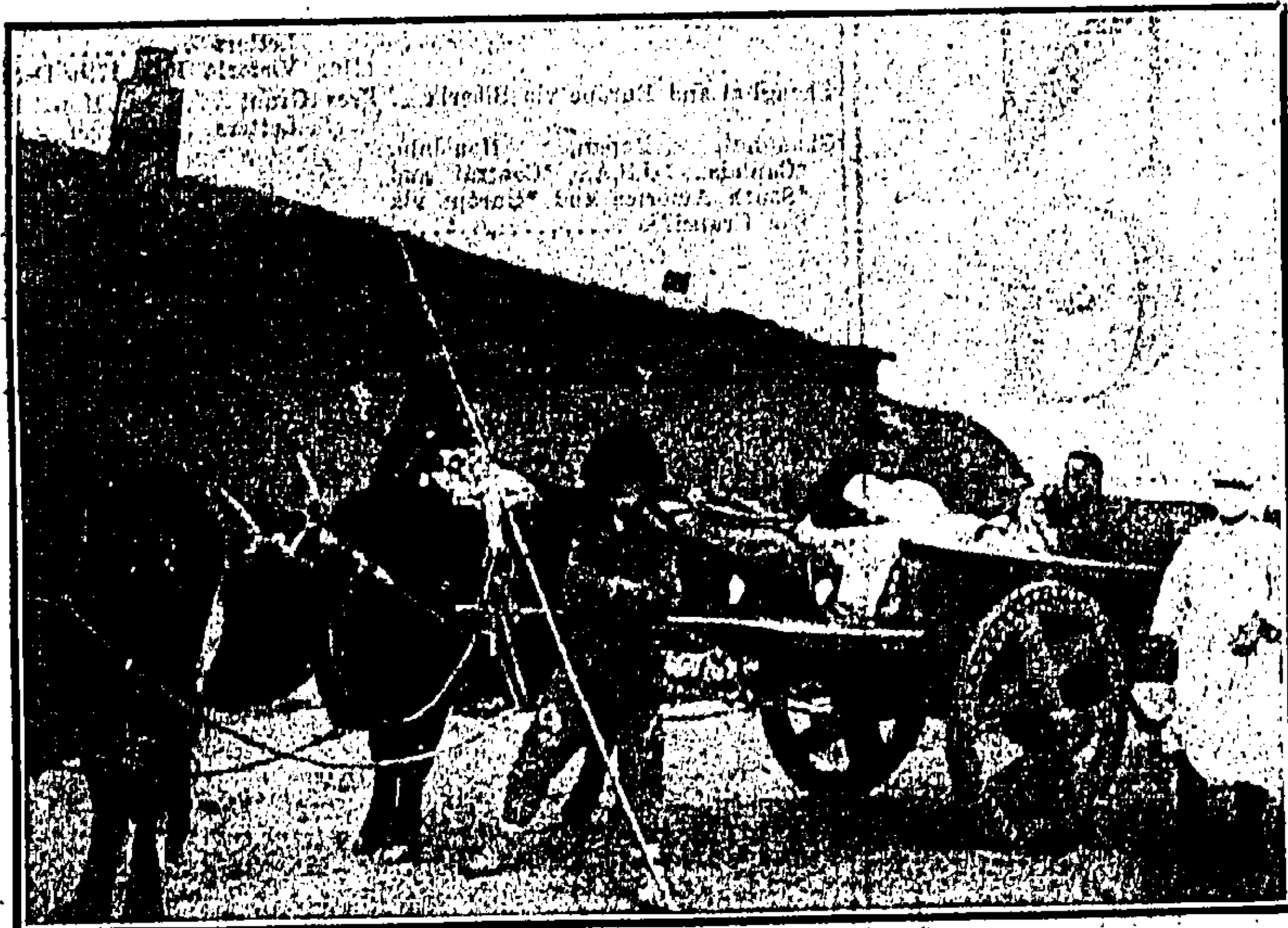
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Captain Cuttle, winner of the Shanghai Grand National is seen in the top photograph. Buster II, who finished second, is at the bottom.

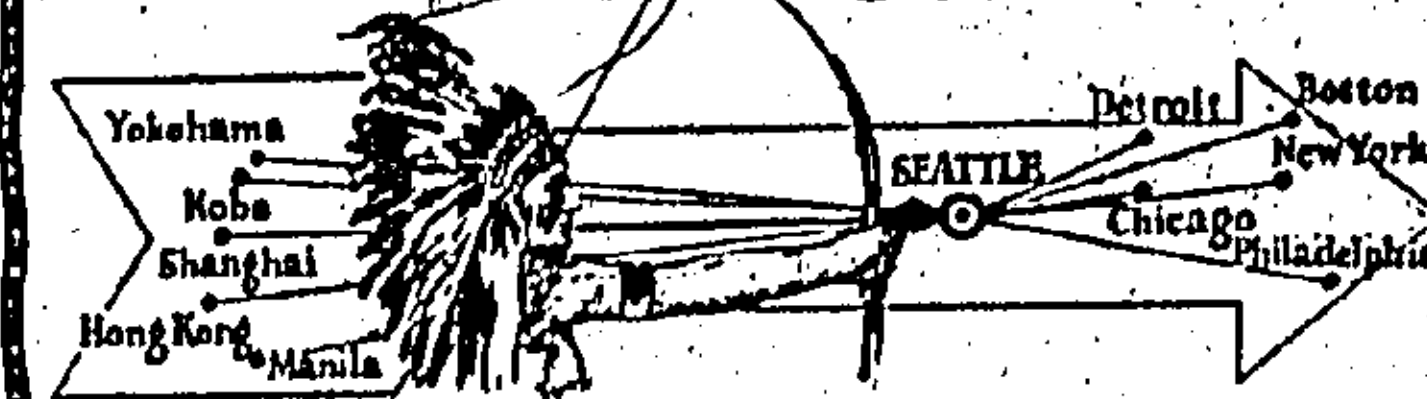


The rain on Champions Day in Shanghai brought out the mackintoshes.



The above photograph shows the Welsh Regt. rugby fifteen and the Shanghai XV before a match which resulted in a win for the Welsh players by the score of 14 points to 11. The Welsh afterwards came to Hongkong and beat the local club by 2 points.

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The ring velvet evening cloak is one of La Mode's present favourites; here it is beautifully expressed in a fresh leaf-green shade and lined with old ivory velvet. The frock, in green and gold mousseline de soie, is cut with the fashionable plain bodice which terminates in points back and front over the full skirt, the long ends of the hip bow forming a side train.

Modes and Music.

[By a Woman Representative.]

A kaleidoscopic view of the latest modes was seen recently, when mannequins paraded in rapid succession to the strains of a march played by the orchestra. It formed the finale to the Autumn Dress Show of Maison Arthur, Ltd., 17, Dover-street, which took place in the Palm Lounge of the Hotel Cecil.

Velvet and lace predominated among afternoon and evening gowns; supple ring velvets with a rich sheen. Sometimes they were self-coloured velvets, but more often printed in delightful colourings. A chiffon embossed velvet evening frock that dipped deeply at the back in fashion's approved style had a black background, embossed with colourful velvet patterns.

Black shadow lace made some effective dinner and dance frocks, and it was used in combination with white silk to achieve one particularly lovely creation. On a moss-green printed velvet afternoon frock blonde shadow lace was used effectively as trimming. There was a double jabot of it, and wisps of lace appeared at the wrists.

Evening Gowns.

Afternoon and evening gowns in Bordeaux red and other tones were greatly admired. There were cherry shades, pillar-box red, and a charming terracotta colour. A honey-coloured chiffon evening gown looked charming with embroidery of golden paillettes.

An upright collar and also cuffs of white fur appeared on an afternoon dress of black satin beauty. A white satin evening frock, made with a long, flowing line at the back, had its train bordered with brown fur.

A black taffeta dance frock was applique with big amber-coloured flowers.

In the wake of the dress fashioned longer at the back than in front comes a tweed coat with a circular dip at the back, which was displayed among many smart sports clothes that formed part of the display.

Candy Making.

SOME USEFUL HINTS.

As all the world knows, Americans are great "candy" eaters, and American women are, as a natural consequence, expert candy makers. Here are some rules that, they say, must be observed if the result is to be a success—

Always use a wooden spoon. Break nuts whenever possible instead of chopping.

Bring the "candy" slowly to the boil. Never allow it to boil till every grain of sugar is dissolved. When boiling, however, cook rapidly for the remainder of the time. Have everything measured before you begin cooking operations.

When poured, do not disturb till cool.

The following is a typical American recipe to experiment with:—

Sour Cream Fudge.

Melt ¼ lb. plain chocolate over hot water, add two cups sugar, place directly over gentle heat, and when well blended stir in 2-3 cup of sour cream. Stir till the sugar is dissolved, bring slowly to the boil, then boil without stirring to 230 or 240 F. or until a soft ball forms when the syrup is tested in cold water. Pour out on a marble slab or porcelain dish (previously rubbed over with a damp cloth and left slightly moist), and leave till cool. Now add 1 teaspoonful vanilla and a pinch of salt, work with a wooden spatula or butter "hand" until thick and creamy, then knead with the hands till smooth. Roll out till ¼ inch thick, and cut in any shape desired, or melt until almost liquid over hot water and pour into a flat cake tin. When melted in this way and poured over a cake, it makes delicious icing.

After being kneaded the fudge may be packed away in a jar and covered closely to be used for icing as required.

Spoilt Nails.

MISTAKES OF AMATEUR MANICURISTS.

"Men very often have better finger-nails than women," was the opinion of a well-known nail specialist, "because they do not try to manicure them without knowing what they are doing."

She maintains that more than half the nail troubles from which women suffer are due to faulty manicuring. Here are some of the don'ts for would-be manicurists.

The Pointless Point.

Don't cut away the nail at each side in order to get a point. The result of doing this is that the nail gets flat on top and splay in shape instead of being gently rounded. Nature made the points at the side to fit snugly into the skin. If they are cut away the skin will get loose, and there will be a gap where germs and dirt can enter the nail.

Don't snip off the cuticle at the base of the nail, because it will only grow thick, and the second state will be worse than the first. Push it down with a hoof-stick, to be obtained at any chemist's, round which a shred of cotton-wool has been wound and which has been dipped into a reliable cuticle-killer. This will gradually kill the cuticle.

Don't use scissors points to clean the nail rims. If the nail is separated from the skin by these harsh methods the blood will recede; there will be a loss of "pink" and an increase of "white" rim. Also there is danger of blood poisoning. Use an orange stick wrapped with cotton-wool and proceed gently.

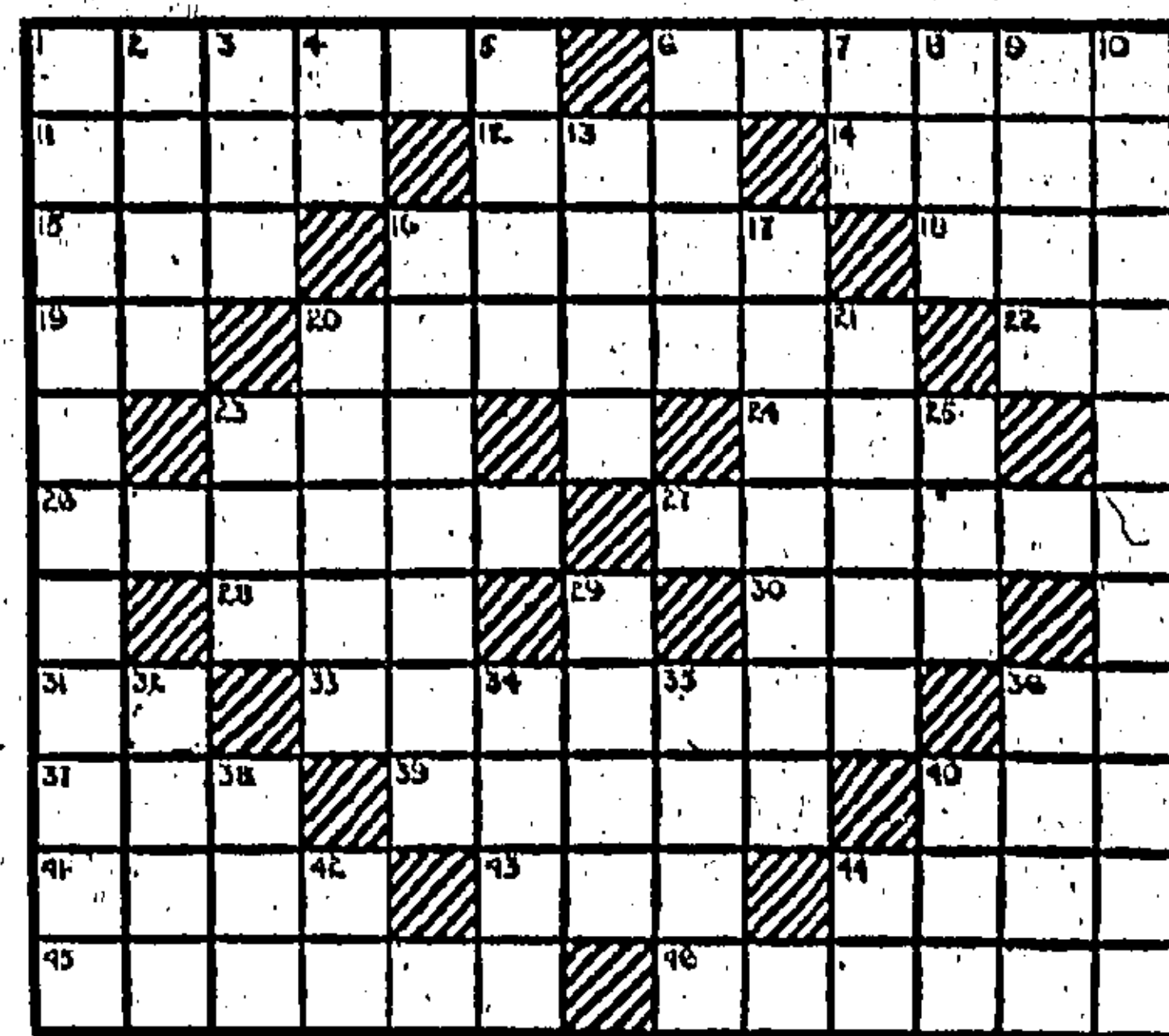
Long Nails That Tear.

Don't leave the nails too long or they will tear. Don't, on the other hand, cut the nails below the quick or the tender skin will be left uncovered.



Navy maroon materials like this useful dress, the skirt of which is covered with loose rounded panels edged with narrow killings of self material. The bodice smartly repeats the killings on either side the centre panel which is cut in one with the neck-band, and on the long, fitting sleeves.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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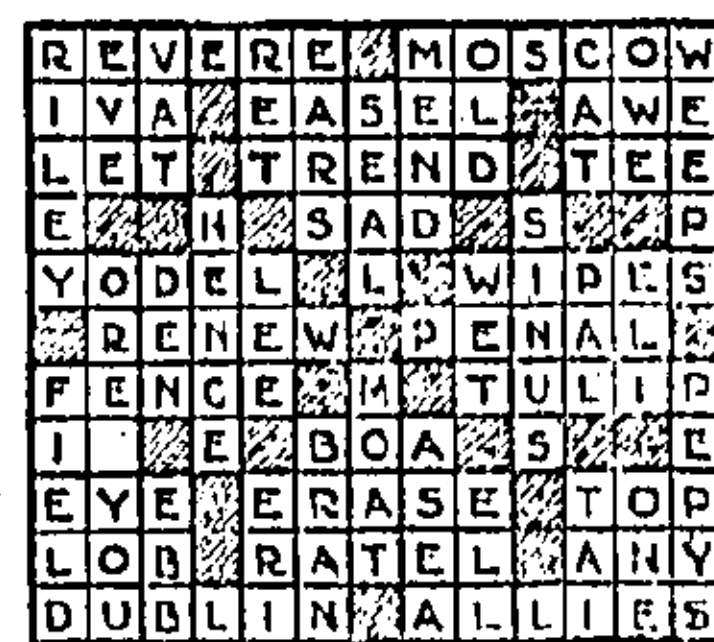
- 1 Name the largest city in Spain.
- 6 What is a ruler of a Mohammedan state called?
- 11 A mental image.
- 12 Fabulous bird.
- 14 Large bundle of cotton.
- 15 Iniquity.
- 16 Typical apple tree.
- 18 Cooking utensil.
- 19 Abbreviation for "street."
- 20 A systematic course of diet.
- 22 Exclamation of inquiry.
- 23 To be sick.
- 24 Fluid.
- 26 What fish is caught in vast quantities in the Columbia river?
- 27 Thinner.
- 28 Guided.
- 30 To weep convulsively.
- 31 Provided.
- 33 Conducts.
- 36 Abbreviation for "each."
- 37 By.
- 39 Anxieties.
- 40 Son angle.
- 41 Sound of a bell.
- 43 Metal used for baking utensils.
- 44 Greedy.
- 45 What U.S. city is the seat of Cornell University?
- 46 In what city is the famous Acropolis?

Vertical

- 1 On the banks of what river is New Orleans?
- 2 Entrance.
- 3 Lair of a beast.
- 4 Sun god.

- 5 To pull along.
- 6 Dross.
- 7 Abbreviation for "pound."
- 8 To knock lightly.
- 9 Plant from which a bitter drug is secured.
- 10 In what country is Zuydorp?
- 13 Fetid.
- 16 Musical.
- 17 Chooses.
- 20 Made verses.
- 21 Approaches.
- 23 The entire thing.
- 25 Same.
- 29 Fairy.
- 32 Twelve inches (pl.).
- 34 Polynesian chestnut.
- 35 What is a representation of "The Last Supper" called?
- 36 Ireland.
- 38 Hurrah.
- 40 Night preceding a holiday.
- 42 Minor note.
- 44 Exclamation of pleasure.

Yesterday's Solution.



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MARRIAGE.

DURRAN-HUNTER.—At the Peak Church, Hongkong on Wednesday, 21st November, by the Rev. Horace Johnston, John Durran, M.B., Ch. B., to Katherine Hunter.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. F. C. Coleman tenders sincere thanks to all friends for their kind expression of sympathy and floral tributes received in her recent sad bereavement.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, NOV. 22, 1923.

BRITISH INDUSTRY.

There are some interesting and valuable facts in regard to British industry revealed in the Third Census of Production in Great Britain, recently issued by the Board of Trade. The year covered, 1924, has long since passed, but as the statistics are compared with the figures given in the first census, of 1907, they are calculated to afford some general indication of the trend of industrial development. In view of complaints of the lack of adequate statistics in the past, it is encouraging to note that the Board of Trade is now taking steps to compile a regular official index of production, covering all important branches of industrial activity, and for this purpose 1924 is to be taken as the base year. A far more satisfactory comparison can be made in future with this particular year as the starting point, and the future figures should be even more illuminating than those now issued.

Looking at the net output of the country for 1907 and 1924, we find that the respective totals were £567.1 millions and £1,374.6 millions. It is suggested that the average advance in the prices of products between the two years cited was in the neighbourhood of 100 per cent., and on this basis the increase in volume would be about 19 per cent. As the number of persons engaged in production increased during the period by 13.8 per cent., it would appear that only a comparatively trifling advance in output per head is indicated. It has to be remembered, however, that in 1907, Britain's industrial resources were more fully employed and output more nearly represented capacity than in 1924, when, owing to the world-wide trading depression, much of our plant was idle or only partially occupied. There

is no doubt that the output of the existing plant could be considerably increased if a sufficient demand were forthcoming, but demand, in turn, is largely dependent upon cost of production, and in this respect the volume of output per worker is an important factor. The conclusion to be reached from the Census of Production returns is that in view of the scientific discoveries and the great advance in knowledge in recent years, there is still considerable room for the further development and improvement of industrial methods and for an increase in the output per worker. It is only by such an increase that a further permanent improvement in the standard of living can be expected, and an increase of this kind is dependent not only upon the efforts of all the operative employees, but also upon the administrative and directing elements.

Financial experts, analysing the census, say there would certainly seem to be no reason for complacency. It has been authoritatively estimated that, compared with the pre-war period, the decline in the annual real savings in great Britain amounts, in present money values, to about £150/200 millions and it is admitted that the improved standard of living, which is undoubtedly general, has been secured not solely by increased production per head, but also, in part, at the expense of a reduction in the same sums available each year for investment purposes, this being, to a large extent, a reflection of the increased disposition to spend on the part of all classes of the community. In view, however, of the degree to which the prosperity of the country depends upon an adequate supply of capital, it is most desirable that every effort should be made to promote habits of thrift among both rich and poor alike, and that further improvements in the standard of living should, as far as possible, rest upon an increased output per head and not be achieved by means of further inroads into the already reduced total of the annual savings.

Rumanian Affairs.

The news from Rumania, the splinter of the Balkans for several years past, makes pleasant reading indeed. After years of doubt and uncertainty, the situation seems well on the way towards clarification, and Europe will view the downfall of M. Titulesco with complacency. The expulsion order against the Transylvanian opiants at a critical juncture in the pourparlers with Hungary was the fatal mistake of the Rumanian patriot, and the feeling aroused in the country by the introduction of such ill-judged legislation, has encouraged the new leader of the Government, M. Maniu, to take bold and decisive steps in the other direction. M. Maniu is the chief of the Peasant Party and M. Titulesco's keenest antagonist. Nearly half the Ministers in the new Cabinet are Transylvanians, and the wisdom of M. Maniu's policy is clearly shown in the rapid restoration of confidence. In office for only ten days, M. Maniu has already quieted the populace. The comprehensive programme of reforms outlined some days ago, has dispelled the confusion arising from the unpopular measures of the Titulesco Cabinet; the Press censorship and the imposition of martial law, and Rumania wears a more normal aspect in preparation for the general election which takes place next month. With such proofs of statesmanship, we may now look with some degree of confidence for an early settlement of the dispute with Hungary, which, thanks to the obstructionist methods of the former Premier, has defied solution for many years. M. Maniu, in fact, has promised to deal with the minorities question "in a manner befitting its importance" and it may be assumed that the days of discrimination, and, therefore, of Hungarian resentment, are over. We are sorry we cannot say the same with any certainty regarding M. Maniu's future difficulties. In order to carry through his designs, electoral pacts have been concluded with three other parties, which usually means that when the "common danger," occasioning the coalition, has been removed, former clashes of opinion begin to re-assert themselves. Meanwhile, we wish M. Maniu well.

DAY BY DAY.

HUMAN BEINGS ARE NOT SO CONSTITUTED THAT THEY CAN LIVE WITHOUT EXPANSION.—Margaret Fuller Ossoli.

Major. A. M. Thompson, Mr. J. P. Ryan and Capt. G. R. T. Dean arrived yesterday on the s.s. Shinyo Maru.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows one Chinese case of small-pox and one American case of typhoid, the latter being imported.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Canada for Manila were Mr. G. Benson, Mr. R. A. Camidge and Mr. H. H. Pethick.

It was ascertained this morning that no news has yet been received of the s.s. Cassum, ex-H.M.S. Woodlark, which left Wanchow for this port on Thursday last.

The transport Somersetshire arrived at Singapore on Wednesday from Hongkong. On the same day H.M.S. Kent, the flagship, arrived at Mitsugi from Kagoshima on the continuation of her Japanese tour.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. J. Muir, customs officer of the Chinese Maritime Customs, York Building, to Miss C. T. Smith, No. 51, Ferry Road, Leith, Scotland, travelling to Hongkong on board the s.s. Kalyan.

One day after leaving Manila, a Filipino was found on board the s.s. Greys Harbour without a ticket, and, following the usual custom, he was handed over to the local police on the arrival of the ship in port. On his pleading guilty to a charge of stowing away, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning sentenced the defendant to one month's hard labour.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 17 arrivals and the same number of departures, with British holding top place. Tonnage was fair, but freights were again low, the British individual inward figures being all below 1,000 tons, with a total under both headings of approximately 9,000 tons. High figures under both headings were registered by the one Dutch arrival, with Swedish next best, inward. At 9 a.m. there were 55 vessels in port, of which 20 were British.

"ALL SORTS OF FISH."

DRAGS SUITABLE FOR WHALE-CATCHING!

Two fishing boat mistresses, charged at the Marine Court this morning with using drags and gimplings to lift objects from the harbour bed without permission, unsuccessfully tried to explain to Comdr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., that the gear used was employed for the catching of shrimps and prawns.

The accused were Kwok Ping and Chan Hui, who pleaded not guilty, but the officer conducting the prosecution gave evidence that the boats were in the Naval Anchorage with drags down, when he put off in the Dockyard launch and arrested them. The gear employed was produced in Court.

Asked what sort of fish they intended to catch with the drag, the accused replied "All sorts of fish."

His Worship, examining the exhibit, expressed his opinion that it might be suitable for catching whales.

A fine of \$15, with the usual alternative, was inflicted, an order being given for the confiscation of the drags. An appeal for the return of the gear by Kwok Ping was turned down.

Ho Yee, master of a cargo boat, was charged with carrying 15 passengers, and pleading guilty, stated that he had been asked by shop people to take the passengers off to a ship. He admitted that he knew he was committing an offence. A fine of \$15, at the rate of \$1 per head for those carried, was inflicted.

STAYED ABOARD TOO LONG.

WATCHMAN GETS LONG TRIP TO HONGKONG.

An Indian watchman employed to look after some tugs and lighters in Shanghai went on board the Empress of Canada before her departure from the Northern port and was slow in leaving the ship, with the result that the Canada had left the wharf before he realised his plight. His story was accepted by the local police to whom he was given in charge on the arrival of the ship, and when he appeared before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, he was committed to the House of Detention pending the departure of the Empress of France next week, when he will be sent back to Shanghai.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TRAMS V. BUSES.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—It must be aggravating and distressing to many bona fide investors in the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd. to notice the daily unwarranted decline in the Company's shares which has been going on now for the past few weeks. And for what reason? It is obvious that certain shareholders, particularly among the Chinese in a state of panic, have run amok at the sight of the new buses operating on the Island, and, for fear of a calamity, have started unloading as fast as they can, while those of greater foresight are buying.

Do these panicky people realise that the Hongkong Tramway Company have 650,000 shares, and that a drop in the market quotation of \$4.50 per share since the buses commenced to operate last month, means a depreciation in value of \$2,925,000?

Does it not occur to you, Sir, as monstrous to suppose for a moment that the value of the Company in question, with its pro-

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—

A local lawyer was appointed Attorney General in 1862, this being Dr. W. T. Bridges, after whom Bridges Street was named?

Dr. Bridges had been in the Colony for a year when he was made Attorney General, afterwards becoming Acting Justice and later Acting Colonial Secretary. He was in Hongkong for only ten years—a very stormy period, during which he came in for much censure and disgrace because of his personal quarrels, especially with a Mr. Anley.

He was forced to resign because of strong public opinion.

perly, efficiency and great earning power, has depreciated by this fabulous amount simply due to the new buses?

It is only necessary to watch how the trams are still being patronised, to realise that the bus competition has really made very little material difference. But perhaps it would be expecting too much from the average shareholder to wake up to this fact.

The only great sufferers, in my opinion, are the enormous number of ricksha coolies operating along Queen's Road whose livelihood is now undoubtedly seriously jeopardised. Many will soon be thrown out of work and be forced to seek other employment, while others will undoubtedly resort to unscrupulous means of livelihood in robbing or committing acts of violence against the law through being forced into poverty; not to mention the fact that the presence of so many buses on our streets adds further congestion to pedestrians and smaller vehicles along our narrow and already highly congested roads.

It will be interesting to hear the opinions of some of your readers on the subject of this letter.—Yours, etc.,

OBSERVER.

Hongkong, Nov. 22nd, 1923.

CAUGHT PAWNING CLOCK.

CHINESE THIEF SENT TO PRISON.

A smart sentence was imposed on a Chinese by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on pleading guilty to a charge of larceny of a long coat, a clock and a pair of spectacles from No. 45, Apilu Street, Shamshulpo.

The defendant was arrested in the act of pawning the clock, and, on being taken to the Police Station, the spectacles were found on him. While being questioned by the police, a married woman, residing at No. 45, Apilu Street, reported that she had lost the articles enumerated in the charge. She was shown the clock and spectacles, which she at once recognised.

The defendant later produced a pawn ticket for the long coat, which the woman then redeemed. The woman informed the Court that the defendant pushed open the door of her cubicle while no one was about and walked off with the articles.

On the production of the defendant's criminal record it was discovered that he had been convicted on six previous occasions for larceny, receiving, and unlawful possession, since 1925.

His Worship passed sentence of six months' hard labour.

The Very Idea!

Mr. Baldwin's task of filling possible vacancies in his Cabinet has revived the suggestion that the time is coming when women should be admitted to this august circle. For the first time in the history of England women will be in a majority of the electors at the next election, and, in these circumstances, it is assumed that the party which wins the election will feel itself obliged to include at least one woman in the Cabinet. Both the Conservative and Labour parties are now in the position of having in their ranks women M.P.'s who have served apprenticeships in departmental administrations and Front Bench responsibility. The Duchess of Atholl, Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Education, is a member of the present Government, but is not a member of the Cabinet. Miss Margaret Bondfield, who was the first woman to receive a Ministerial appointment in England, held a post in the Labour Administration of 1924, but had no Cabinet rank.

A beadle at a Fife Church was asked by a visitor which minister he liked best, the late or the present.

"Ah think Ah like the late one," said the beadle, "for in his sermon he would say, 'In conclusion,' and he did conclude; but the one we have the noo says, 'And lastly,' and he does last."

(Every year the men of America are spending more and more on beautifying themselves.)

Bring me my rouge, my lipstick, My bag of vanities, My powder-puff, my face-cream And what besides there is That's needed for a make-up To hide the marks of age, 'Gainst which a fight, with all my might, I am resolved to wage.

No, I am not a flapper Who deems that thirty's old; And I am not a matron With worries manifold. I'm just a man of sixty, Whom Fashion's stern decree Compels to ape, in mien and shape, The youth of thirty-three.

Man at Tottenham: While I was unconscious I heard someone send for the police.

Wife at Willesden: My husband has got dangerously drunk every week-end for ten years.

A wife, appealing to the Dennis-kiln magistrates for a maintenance order, asked why she would not live in the house with her husband, replied: It is not a house. It is only a birdcage.

Woman charged at Tottenham with drunkenness: I am very sorry I had a large one.

Man at Linslade, Buckinghamshire: My daughters make me use this "unseen" language.

Large and prominent cemetery has opening for high-grade man of executive ability. Permanent and very attractive proposition.—Ad. in the Chicago Tribune.

Golf is what letter-carrying, ditch-digging, and carpet-beating would be if those three tasks had to be performed on the same hot afternoon in short pants and coloured socks by gouty-looking gentlemen who required a different implement for every mood.—New York Sun.

Magistrate—"I am afraid I can only advise you not to quarrel so much in future. There is no evidence to show that your wife assaulted you."

Plaintiff—"But yes, sir; she pulled a large piece of my moustache out."

Magistrate—"Well, I will bind her over to keep the peace."

Plaintiff—"But you can't do that, sir; she's thrown it away."

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Nov. 21.	
Paris	124.10
Brussels	84.37
Amsterdam	12.03 1/2
Berlin	20.35
Copenhagen	18.10
Vienna	84.50 1/2
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Lisbon	108.5 1/2
Bucharest	805 1/2
Buenos Aires	47.15/82
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 25/82
New York	4.84 31/82
Geneva	25.10
Milan	82.55
Stockholm	18.14
Oslo	18.14
Prague	183 1/2
Madrid	30.08 1/2
Athens	375
Rio	5.20/82
Bombay	1/6 1/16
Hongkong	2/0
Silver (spot)	25.11/18
Silver (forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.

YEO FORGERY TRIAL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

I take it that you looked up the Bank numbers as well?—I am not absolutely certain that he brought them back, but I think he did. Witness added that he could not say whether it was on record or not, as the record had been handed to Mr. Hazerigg.

He agreed that the sole custodian of the cheque books was Tsang On-wing. He wanted to go with witness to the Bank, but witness told him to go back. The trouble was first discovered when the wrong debts in the passbook were found. He could not recollect the time, but it would be somewhere about half-past twelve.

Loss Reported.

Tsang was in constant contact with witness, but he never said a word about any missing cheques or anything relating to them. When the first 30 cheques were found to be missing, witness reported the loss to the Treasurer.

Mr. Jenkin put it to witness that Mr. King suggested that the covers should be looked for, but witness replied "Not to the best of my recollection." He did not know who made the suggestion. Witness continued that he knew 30 cheques were missing from exhibits "F" and "E" before the covers were looked for. He learned that when he returned from the Bank. It was Mr. Messer's suggestion that all the stubs should be searched.

No Time to Think.

After further cross-examination on this point, Mr. Jenkin asked:—As the immediate superior of Tsang On-wing what did you think about it?—I didn't have much time to think about it then. My business was to get payment of the cheques stopped.

You did not give any thought to the loss of these cheques. Have you given any thought to it since?—Yes.

What do you think of it now?—Am I bound to give opinions?—Mr. Jenkin:—Just as you like, Mr. Black.

Answering further questions witness admitted that he never looked at the numbers of the cheques or the counterfoils and that the only time he saw the cheques was when they were placed before him for signature.

Mr. Jenkin:—Have you ever heard the expression "mare's nest"?—I have.

Was it used in your hearing on January 18?—I am afraid I can't say.

Witness said he recollected the interview at the Bank when Mr. Hagarthy was present.

Mr. Jenkin:—Was the expression then used to the effect that on return to the Treasury from the Bank "it will be found that this is a 'mare's nest'?"—I don't remember "mare's nest" being used. The suggestion was made that everything would be found to be correct.

Witness said that the suggestion came from one of the Government party at the interview.

Mr. Jenkin:—Which one?—I believe it was Mr. Dallin.

The party, excluding Mr. Hagarthy, then repaired to the Treasury in the expectation or hope that everything would be found correct?—There may have been some hope in their breasts but certainly none in mine.

Mr. Black, in answer to another question, said he made it quite clear at the interview that the signature was a forgery.

Mr. Jenkin:—I put it to you, Mr. Black, that whatever you entertained in your mind, you did not convey to that party that your signature was a forgery?—I certainly stated it was a forgery. Did you say it more than once?—I may have said it twice.

"You Are Quite Wrong."

I put it to you that as a matter of fact you expressed no doubt at all as to the authenticity of your signature?—You are quite wrong. Did you tell the party that the names of the payees were absolutely foreign to any Government business?—I don't know whether I did or not. I had very little to say there.

Do you suggest that you had no opportunity to speak?—I could not. I thought it better policy not to say too much as other people were involved.

In effect you have told us that your intimacy with Government vouchers and contractors had been such that you could instantly tell if a name is a foreign name, which appears as payee?—Yes.

Tell me what possible motive induced you to keep your mouth shut at the Bank?—No motive at all.

Main Purpose.

Was not your main purpose in attending at the Bank to convince them that the cheques were cheques that should not be debited to the Government account?—My only purpose in going to the Bank was to get the cheques and take them to the Treasurer as instructed.

Instructed by whom?—By the Treasurer.

Personally?—Yes. You told us yesterday that you did not have a word with Mr. Messer before you went to the Bank?—I said I did not report the matter to him.

I see. I have to be very careful with the words I use. You did see Mr. Messer before you went to the Bank then?—Yes.

And he gave you specific instructions to do certain things?—Yes. Could he give you those instructions without having information on which to base those instructions?—Not very well.

I should think not. He got that information from you, did he not?—No.

He appeared to know all about it when he gave you instructions?—He did.

Then if I asked you yesterday if you did report the matter to Mr. Messer, a fair answer would be "It was not necessary, he already knew?"—I replied to your question as best I could. You told me to be careful.

Didn't Want to Get Involved.

Do you repeat that the reason for your silence is that you were there to obey instructions only and went to bring back three cheques?—I look it that I was there to get the cheques back and not to get involved into any argument about them.

You said nothing about Mr. Messer's signature?—I don't think I expressed any opinion on anything but my own signature.

You may have done so?—I don't think I did.

Why? Is it because of this case about being involved?—That is correct.

Witness, in answer to further questions, said that Mr. King eventually arrived at the Treasury, but witness did not have an interview with him.

Later, witness said that before he saw the cheques in question he had formed the opinion that they were forged.

Mr. Jenkin:—You confirmed that view when you saw the cheque?—My belief has never been shaken.

You have always expressed the conviction that your signatures were forgeries?—Absolutely.

Why were you certain that these cheques were forgeries before you saw them?—Because I had been told that the cheques were there and appeared to have been signed by me and Mr. Messer, and I knew perfectly well that I had signed no such cheques.

Mr. Black said that he sometimes signed single cheques, sometimes in sets of two, but mostly in sets of three. Cheques were always signed at his own desk, and only in very exceptional circumstances he might have signed them at another place, but he could not recall having done so.

Even at the rush period at the end of the year, cheques were always signed by witness at his own desk. Witness would detach the cheques from their vouchers when signing and would pin the vouchers on again after he had signed.

Mr. Jenkin:—What other duties do you perform in the department?—Correspondence in connexion with accounts.

Yes? What else?—I think that covers pretty well all I do.

The P. W. D. Loan.

Was the Public Works Loan in being at that time?—Just started. Did it give you any work?—Only at the time of flotation.

Was that in December?—October and November.

Gave you no work in December?—No.

You did nothing with the Praya East something or other?—No.

How many cheques were signed on December 30?—153 cheques are dated December 30. (Witness gave this answer after reference to his papers.)

Were they signed on December 30?—No.

Then cheques dated December 30 are signed on other dates?—Yes. You have it in my evidence. I said that certain cheques were made out on December 31, but they were not signed until later. It might have been ten days later.

Witness added that cheques for salary and pension were signed before due date. On dates other than the end of the month, cheques were dated the day they were signed. In regard to pension cheques, they bore ordinary vouchers and were signed before due date sometimes.

Speaking of the duties of Tsang On-wing, witness said that they were all concerned with the posting of cheques only. Tsang kept the cash book.

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GOLD MISSING ON STEAMER.

\$13,000 WORTH GONE FROM STRONGROOM.

MYSTERY AT PENANG.

Singapore, Nov. 13. The most sensational disappearance of cargo that has occurred on a local steamer for some time is reported from Penang.

When the Straits Steamship Company's vessel, the Ipoh, arrived at Penang this week it was found that a consignment of gold specie shipped by the Raub Australian Gold Mining Company was missing.

Exact information is not yet available, but the value of the gold is rumoured to be in the neighbourhood of \$13,000.

Straits Steamship officials in Singapore refused to make any statement this morning. A report of the occurrence has been made to the detective branch at Singapore, and further particulars may throw some light on the mystery.

It is stated that the gold was taken on board at Singapore, and was found at Penang to be missing from the vessel's strongroom.

A reward of \$500 for information which will assist the police has been offered by the Straits Steamship Company.

Mr. Jenkin, referring to the three cheques alleged to be forged asked:—These cheques here, although dated December 30, if in fact they have been signed by you, might have been signed on another date altogether?—Yes, but they were not signed by me.

If they were signed by you, they would have been signed at any date?—I would say that a cheque dated 31st December could have been signed on some other date. Either before or after?—Yes.

Tsang's Functions.

Speaking of Tsang On-wing, Mr. Jenkin asked:—You told us yesterday that when he ordered cheques, how many he ordered, when he checked them, and when he sent them to the bank, was left entirely to him?—Yes.

So that you would not know whether he got the amount ordered, whether he got more, or whether he got less?—No.

The Hongkong Bank cheques are not charged for and therefore there is no reference to them in the pass books?—No.

You would not know whether he used the cheques or what he did with them?—That is so.

So that everything is left to Tsang?—Except that Mr. Messer has to sign the application for them.

Questions as to the handwriting on the cheques and the signature of witness on the cheques were next put by Mr. Jenkin.

The cross-examination closed at the end of this morning's sitting.

YESTERDAY'S HEARING.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Black was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. Jenkin, during which he admitted that since the discovery of the fraud there had been several changes in routine made at the Treasury. One of these was that Mr. Messer now had the custody of the reserve cheque book.

Previously when a cheque book was finished, the cover was thrown away, but this was not now so.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Black stated that if the pass book was not sent back by the Bank within a week, Tsang On-wing, a clerk in the Treasury, wrote to the Bank for it. He could do this whenever he pleased. Witness never saw the pass book unless a query had been raised by Tsang.

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THE KUOMINTANG DISSENSIONS.

Moderates Fear Leftist Control.

CONFERENCE ASKED.

Nanking, Nov. 21.

At a Kuomintang meeting in Nanking on Monday, Mr. Tan Yen-kai, Chairman of the Administrative Council, reported that some members of the C.E.C. have proposed the holding of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Kuomintang C.E.C. and C.S.C. at the end of the current year, before the opening of the Third Kuomintang National Congress, which has been postponed to the middle of March.

The speaker pointed out that this is only a proposal of some C.E.C. members and whether it will materialise will depend on the opinion of the majority of the Party. It is likely that the question will be decided at the coming session of the Kuomintang Affairs Examination Committee.

The holding of the Sixth Plenary Session is proposed by Moderate members in the C.E.C. because of a belief that during the recent Fifth Plenary Session "Leftist" or extremist elements dominated the conference and the resolutions passed were chiefly for the welfare of the "Leftist Party."

If the Third Kuomintang National Congress is held without a preceding Sixth Plenary Session, it is feared that the resolutions passed at the Fifth Plenary will place the "Leftists" in a strong position.

NEW NEWFOUNDLAND POLICY.

TRADE AGENCY TO BE ESTABLISHED.

St. John's, Nov. 21.

The Premier of the Newfoundland Government, Sir Richard Squires, said that the Government's policy in abolishing the office of High Commissioner in London, was to permit the substitution of an efficient trade agency.

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NEW SOUTH WALES FORCE DRAW.

BIG STAND BY KIPPAX AND BRADMAN.

INEFFECTIVE BOWLING.

Sydney, Nov. 13.

As was expected New South Wales played out time and forced a draw in their match with the M.C.C. tourists, but the manner in which they accomplished this feat, after their tremendous deficit on the first innings, was not even dreamt of by their most sanguine supporters. The M.C.C.'s mammoth first innings total of 734 for seven rather took the wind out of the sails of the home supporters, and when the side was disposed of for 349 in their first innings, despite the fine efforts of Kellaway (93 not out), Bradman (87) and Kippax (97), defeat was expected, or at least an exciting race against time, with New South Wales fully extended in trying to keep their end up.

Resuming with 28 without loss, and requiring 367 to pass their opponent's total, the New South Wales side settled down to hard battling tactics, but they lost Andrews and Morgan very cheaply. However things began to brighten when Kippax and young Bradman became associated. These two players, who are practically certain for the Australian test side, then took matters into their own hands and finished the day's play without being defeated, and when stumps were drawn New South Wales had not only passed the tourists' score, but had several runs and seven wickets in hand.

Kippax, a player who has received many honours during the last few years with the exception of the supreme honour, scored 136 not out, and exhibited a skill which has rarely been seen in Sydney. Bradman, as mentioned before, is a youngster who is rapidly coming to the front, and of whom a great future is predicted, was unbeaten for 132.

The biggest pointer this match has provided is that the M.C.C. bowling is as weak as feared, and that some drastic improvement will have to be made if England are to retain the Ashes. By all appearances the Australian bowling is just as ineffective as the tourists' and the tests look like developing into feats of endurance with the bat, and the uncertainty of one bowler "coming off."

HOSPITAL DRESSER'S SERIOUS OFFENCE.

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED ON SELF-MADE DOCTOR.

Cheung Yu-ming, a dresser employed at the Kwong Lok Hospital, was charged on remand, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to-day at the Central Magistrate's court, with having in his possession dangerous drugs, namely, three ampoules of morphine sulphate, without a licence from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports on the 15th November.

His Worship, to accused: It appears that you are attempting to practice in a small way of your own, going about treating people with injections. Well, that is an offence in itself, a very serious one too. A person without proper qualification going about injecting people with morphine. What have you got to say to that?

Accused denied that he had ever injected any people with morphine.

His Worship: What are those syringes and the morphine for, except for injection? \$500 fine, or three months.

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S.E. ENGLAND ELECTRICITY SCHEME.
BRITISH MATERIALS TO BE USED.

The whole of the material used in the contract placed by the Central Electricity Board with the General Electric Co., Ltd., for one section of the overhead transmission lines in the south-east of England, will be manufactured in Great Britain.

An official of the company stated that the contract, the value of which was approximately £500,000, would cover the erection of the 132,000 volt line in the district north of the Thames, stretching from Reading on the west to Peterborough on the north, and Ipswich and Colchester on the east. The total mileage of the overhead transmission would be 254 miles, and the total actual length of conductor would be 1,300 miles.

The contract would be carried out by the General Electric Company with the assistance of their associated company, the Firelli-General Cable Works, Ltd., of Southampton, the latter company carrying out all the actual erection work. The work of erection would take in all three years, and employment would be given in the actual erection work to between 500 and 1,000 men. In addition to that employment would be given to large numbers in the manufacture of the steel towers, steel aluminium conductor, insulators, and other accessories.

The overhead lines are one section of the system of overhead lines covering the whole of England and Scotland which are being erected by the Central Electricity Board with the object of linking up the main generating stations throughout the country and affording a cheap supply of electric power in all districts.

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LOCAL FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF MATCHES IN THE MIDWEEK LEAGUE.

Three matches were played yesterday in the mid-week league. Results at a glance:

S. China	3	Ewo, Chinese	1
China Athletic	1	Police	0
P.W.D. Chinese	0	Lam Long Wan	0

League table to date:

P. W. D. L. Pts.	
Athletic	7 5 1 11
P.W.D. Chinese	7 3 3 10
Lam Long Wan	7 3 1 8
Police	7 2 0 6
South China	3 2 0 6
Ewo, Chinese	5 1 1 3
Hung Koi School	4 1 0 3

The following games have been ordered to be replayed by the League Management Committee:

S. China v Ewo Chinese played on October 3.

Hung Koi Sch. v South China played on October 10.

These games were won by South China who drop four points.

P.W.D. v Lam Long Wan.

This game was played on the Athletic ground and ended in a goalless draw. The game was very keenly contested, the defence on both sides being too strong for the attack.

Police v Athletic.

Played on St. Joseph's ground before a good attendance, this ended in a win for the Athletic by one goal to nil. Chances were missed by both teams in the first half, which was goalless. Leung Tak-wing scored, just before the final whistle sounded, for the Athletic. McEwen and Estall played well for the Police.

South China v Ewo.

At Caroline Hill, South China defeated Ewo by three goals to one. Half-time saw no score, but Ho Chai-wing, Lo Chai-wan and Chan Luing-nung netted for South China in the second half.

DECEMBER RACES.

ENTRIES FOR THE EIGHTH EXTRA MEETING.

The entries for three of the eight races in the eighth extra race meeting to be held on December 1 are given below. Pickle after a long absence, has again entered, and another notable return to local racing is Wingo's Stag. The latter animal has entered for the Hongkong Autumn Champions, other notable entries being Boxing Eve, Coos Bay, San Francisco and One Third.

The entries are as follows:

St. Andrew's Stakes—1½ Mile: Pickle (163 lbs.), Duke of Niebling (165 lbs.), Misty Eve (168 lbs.), Boxing Eve (168 lbs.), Blue World (168 lbs.), Coos Bay (168 lbs.), San Francisco (168 lbs.), One Third (168 lbs.), Chermal (168 lbs.), Mongolian Stag (168 lbs.), Warrington (168 lbs.), Brigade Call (168 lbs.), U-On II (165 lbs.).

Hongkong Autumn Champions 1¼ Mile: Boxing Eve (168 lbs.), Misty Eve (168 lbs.), Coos Bay (168 lbs.), San Francisco (168 lbs.), One Third (168 lbs.), Fifty Fifty (165 lbs.), Chermal (168 lbs.), Fanning Stag (168 lbs.), Wingo's Stag (168 lbs.), Brigade Call (168 lbs.).

Calcuttawgate Plate—One Mile: Rose Hall (168 lbs.), Tartar (165 lbs.), Blue World (168 lbs.), Tap Sine (165 lbs.), Southgate (161 lbs.), Black Pearl (168 lbs.), Movannagher (149 lbs.), Boukra (165 lbs.), The Zebra (165 lbs.), May (165 lbs.), District Call (168 lbs.), Grey Knight (165 lbs.), Ploughman (148 lbs.).

YACHT CLUB REGATTA.

INTERNATIONAL FOURS AND PARIS.

The programme for the Yacht Club regatta, which has been fixed for Saturday, 22nd December, has now been decided upon, and will consist of the following races:—(1) International Fours, 1 Mile; (2) International Pairs, ½ Mile; (3) Club Fours, 1 Mile.

It is some years since an international race for members of the Yacht Club was held, and it is hoped that there will be as representative a turnout as possible.

As regards the Club Fours, these will be organized in such a manner as to provide a change from the usual combinations of oarsmen, which the Hong races and other events have produced.

The Canton Rowing Club have invited the Yacht Club to take part in a regatta to be held in Canton in January, and this has been accepted. An invitation has also been sent to Canton to visit Hongkong at the Yacht Club's Closing Cruise about the end of March, and this will, it is hoped, be an opportunity for entertaining Canton in place of the visit which fell through on 10th November.

LOCAL CRICKET.

R.A.S.C. DEFEAT THE R.A.O.C.

An interesting cricket match at Soekunpoo yesterday resulted in a very narrow win by the R. A. S. C. against the R.A.O.C.

The former went in first and compiled exactly 100 runs, Pte. Lyons contributing top score with 17. Cpl. Donaldson took 4 wickets for 7 runs. The Ordinance men replied with 96 (Pte. Corbett 20 and L/Cpl. Morgan 23).

LOCAL RUGBY.

HERMES DEFEATS CLUB IN CLOSE GAME.

A strong team from H.M.S. Hermes met and defeated the Club rugby side at Happy Valley last evening, in a close game that was always interesting and thrilling. The Hermes had the better of the first half, but the Club had more than their share of play in the closing stages. The final score was 6 points (two tries) to 3 points (one try) in favour of the Naval side.

The Hermes pressed from the start, the Navy scrum work being exceptionally good. After five minutes, Farrant touched down on the right, but Hammond's kick failed. Warren came round the scrum 10 minutes later and touched down on the left, with Hammond failing again.

The Club made strenuous efforts and a few minutes before half time crossed the Hermes line for the first time, but were soon driven back. The whistle sounded with Hermes holding a six points lead to nothing.

In the second half the Club improved, and adopting forceful tactics kept the Hermes men in check. Smith touched down for the Club's initial point, but the kick by Scott failed.

The Club continued to play up strongly and looked like getting through on several occasions, but the score was not added to—Hermes 6, Club 3.

The Hermes were represented by: Hutton; Warren, Nickleship, Killingback, Mencock; Munro, Fenton; Farrant, Prevost, John, Usher, Densum, Hammond, Perryman, March.

The Club team were: Fox; Stewart, Grievs, Wade, Scott; Bonnar, Mackay, West, Cox, Riddell, Merry, Smith, Roberts, Moore, Thomas.

LOCAL SNOOKER.

THE MATCHES FOR THIS EVENING.

Owing to his opponent not putting in an appearance, J. Witchell received a walk-over in the Palace Hotel snooker championship, last night.

There are two matches down for this evening. At 6 p.m. the contestants will be Mr. "B" and E. A. dos Remedios, and at 9 p.m. Sinn will oppose Buxton.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1325 b
Chartered Bank, \$22 b
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P. and O. \$24 n
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Insurance.
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Bonguots, \$250 b
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S'hai Exploration, Tls. 2.80 b
Raubs, \$51 b
Tronohs, 17/6 n

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$137 s
Whampoa Docks, \$37 n
China Providents \$525 n
Hongkows, Tls. 156 n
New Engineering, Tls. 54 b
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 103 s

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 12.90 b
Orientals, Tls. 235 b
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 65 (old) b

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$9 b
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Industrial.
China Sugars, 50 n
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Dairy Farms, \$22.75 s
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Der A. Wing, 75 b
Lans. Crawfords, \$3.05 n
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Sinceros, \$9.50 b
Wm. Powells, \$3.65 b

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$484 s
Constructions, \$1.50 b
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$667
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MAN'S CARD LOSSES.

GAMING ACTS PLEA IN CLAIM.

"It is said no laws can protect fools against themselves," said Judge Snagge during the hearing at Marylebone County Court of a case which raised an issue under the Gaming Acts.

The Carlton Hall Club, Ltd. of Malda Vale, sued Francis Lawrence, a former member, for £20 and £8 7s. 3d., claimed to have been lent.

Mr. A. H. Sadler, managing director of the Club, said that it was one of the rules that all games should be played for "chips" supplied by the management. They represented values from 10s. down to 3d.

On Lawrence's first visit he played poker, and "chips" to the amount of £18 were required, but he believed a few games of billiards were included. Lawrence said that he was "cleared out," and he (Sadler) made him a loan, Lawrence giving a cheque for £20. On a second visit Lawrence's losses were represented by £8 7s. 3d., and a cheque for that amount was given. Neither cheque was met.

Mr. G. L. Hardy, for the defence, pleaded the Gaming Acts. Though the Club had sued for money lent he contended that the same principle held, and he quoted a statement from "The Laws of England" that money loaned, any part of which was for the purpose of gaming, was irrecoverable.

Lawrence, in evidence, denied that he borrowed any money on his first visit. The whole of the £20, he said, was for "chips."

Judge Snagge said that the statement quoted by Mr. Hardy was not supported by any cases, and its authority was doubtful. He gave judgment for the Club with costs, but on the application of Mr. Hardy reserved execution with a view to an appeal.

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GERMANS IN CHINA.

FORMER "PUTSCH" LEADER DENIES A RUMOUR.

Berlin, Oct. 25.

In reply to the reports which have reached here to the effect that Colonel Bauer is shortly leaving for China to take up a military and civil post in the service of the Nanking Government, a categorical denial is published in the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* this evening, as coming direct from Colonel Bauer himself.

The same statement also denies that any "important German officers" are in the service of the Nanking Government.

The *Vossische Zeitung*, on the other hand, claims to know that the reports as to the appointment of Colonel Bauer are correct, and that a number of officers in close touch with him are already on their way to China. Official circles emphatically disclaim all knowledge of Colonel Bauer's movements or of any German officers proceeding to China, and add that in any case, no officers who might be going on such an errand are in any way connected with official German quarters.

However that maybe, Colonel Bauer's close connexion with Chinese affairs is a matter of common knowledge. He went on a private trip to China last year, and his assistance was expressly sought by a Chinese commercial mission appointed by Chiang Kai-shek, which recently made a tour of investigation in Germany. He is stated to belong to that minority section of closer co-operation with Russia.

Colonel Bauer was General Ludendorff's intimate political adviser during the war and has remained in close friendship with General Ludendorff ever since. His attitude to the German Republic is sufficiently characterised by his part in the Kapp Putsch in March, 1920, in consequence of which he fled the frontier and only returned to Germany under amnesty.

In these circumstances it is hardly likely that he could be acting in concert with the present Government. It has always to be remembered, however, that there are sufficient unemployed and disaffected enterprises of a nature disconcerting both to official Germany and to other countries.

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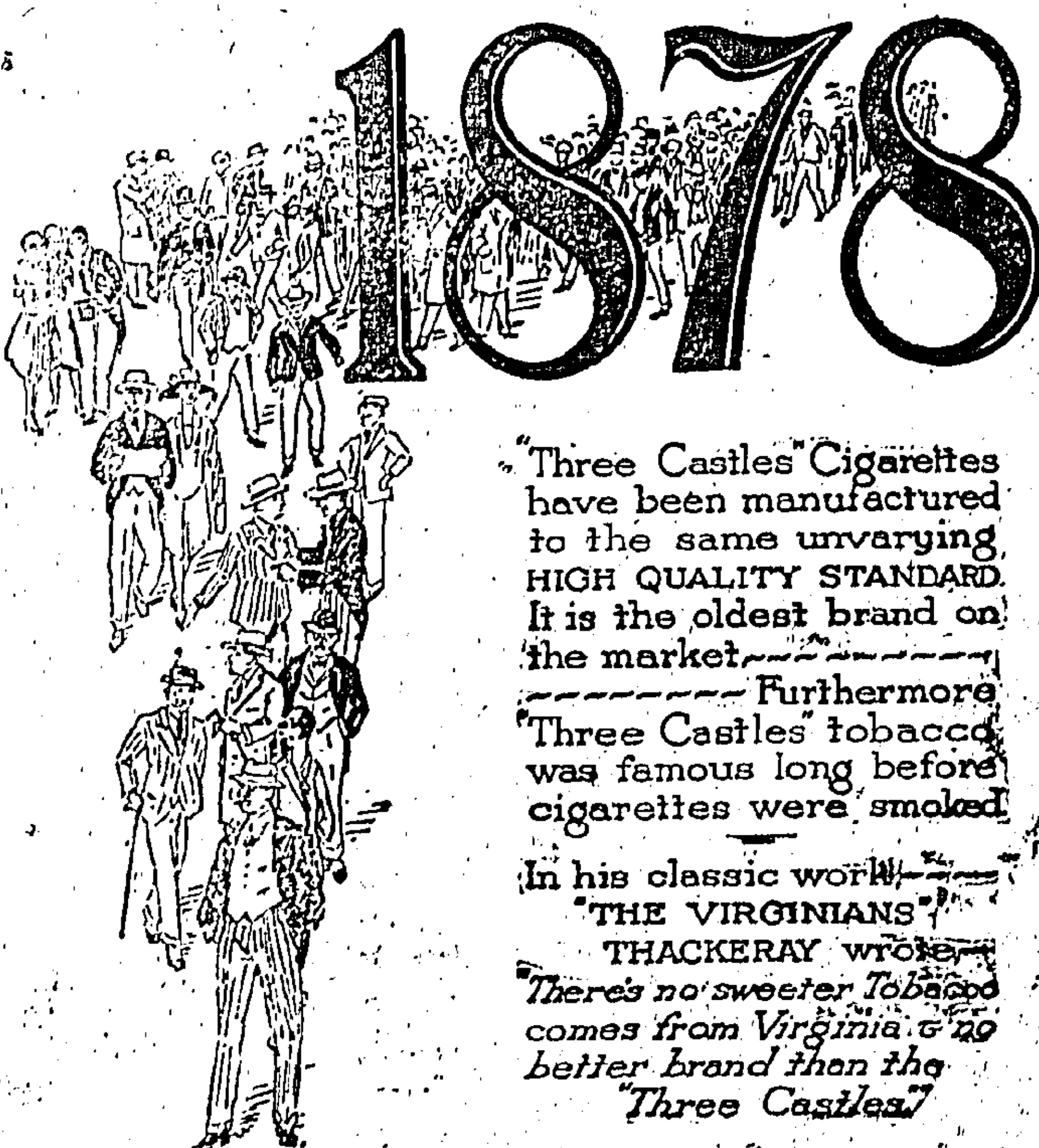
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JAPAN AND CHINA.

A HITCH IN PART OF THE CONVERSATIONS.

Nanking, Nov. 21.
The Wang-Yada conversations have not been resumed apparently owing to a deadlock on the question of withdrawal of the Japanese forces from Shantung, but Mr. Yada has discussed the salt and tariff revision questions with Mr. Soong.—Reuter.

Demand for Apology.

Nanking, Nov. 21.
Owing to pressure in connexion with the negotiations for treaty revision with other foreign diplomatic representatives, Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, was unable to see Mr. Yada to-day. There is considerable speculation on this. The Foreign Office is reticent, but it is reliably learned that China is awaiting a definite announcement of the date of withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shantung.

Regarding a statement that the Japanese Government has now only authorised Mr. Yada to settle the Nanking and Hankow incidents, leaving Mr. Fujita, the Consul-General at Tsingtau, to settle the Tsinan Incident and Shantung question, Reuter understands that China will then demand that Mr. Fujita bring an apology for Japan's sending troops to Shantung, before he will be received.—Reuter.

CHINA'S FAMINE.

FENG YU-HSIANG DECIDES TO INVESTIGATE.

Shanghai, Nov. 21.
A Nanking message states that Feng Yu-hsiang has wired to Lu Chung-lin, the Vice-Minister for War, that he is anxious to go to Kaifeng to investigate famine conditions in the north-west, and requests Lu Chung-lin to go to Nanking to take charge of the War Ministry during his absence.—Reuter.

LETTER GOLF.

To-day's letter golf puzzle, from BRASS to BAND, is unusual because, while they are both five-letter words, par is only four.

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4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

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SYDNEY OUTRAGE.

BOMB THROWN AT HOUSE OF PROMINENT MAN.

Sydney, Nov. 21.
Serious damage was caused by a bomb thrown at the house at Kow belonging to Mr. Swanton, a prominent member of the Overseas Shipping Representatives Association. Mr. Swanton was absent, but his family were in bed, and narrowly escaped injury.—Reuter.

MOTOR MERGER.

IMPORTANT BRITISH FIRMS TO COMBINE.

London, Nov. 21.
Details are published of a merger which is proposed of the three motor manufacturing firms of Humber, Hillman and Commer Cars.

The two first are engaged in the production of motor-cars, and their factories are near each other at Coventry. Commer Cars is a firm manufacturing commercial motor vehicles.

Humber's are to be the holding company; and the capital of the new combine will be about one and quarter millions sterling.

Shareholders in the Hillman firm, which is a private company, and those of the Commer Company, have agreed to the merger, and the proposal is now before the Humber shareholders.—British Wireless.

WORKERS' WAGES.

INDEX FIGURES FOR CITIES OF EUROPE.

London, Nov. 21.
The International Labour Office has compiled index numbers of the real wages in various European capitals.

The figure for Moscow is upon information received from the Scientific Bureau of the People's Commissariat of Labour, and based upon the earnings in eighteen selected categories of workers in different trades.

The index numbers are given as follows:

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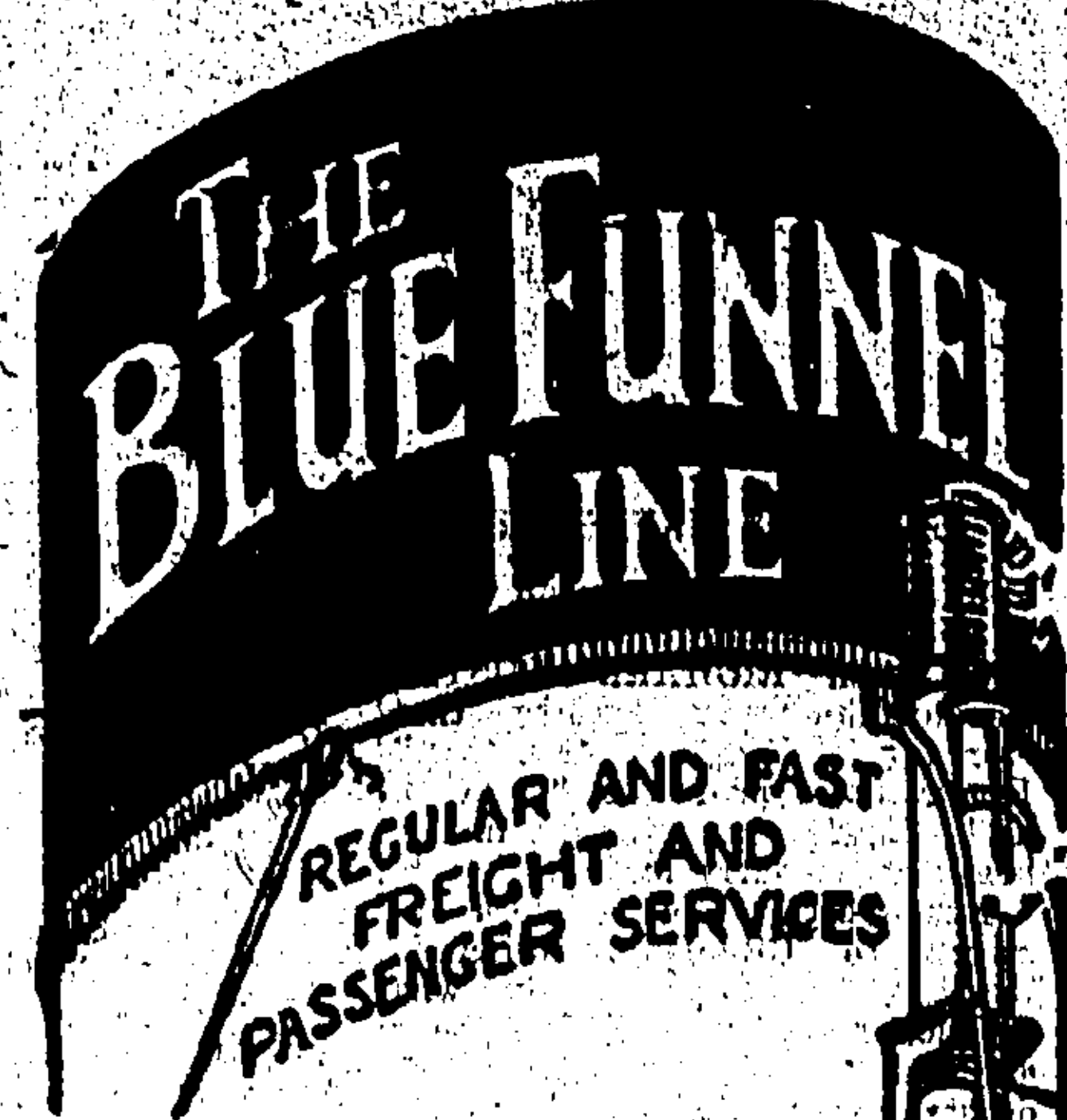
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RIVER FOUNDERING.

S.S. TEJO SINKS BELOW WHAMPOA FORTS.

Reports have been received of the foundering of the river vessel S.S. Tejo, plying between Canton and Sui-tung, on Monday, below Whampoa. Although carrying a large number of passengers, she remained afloat sufficiently long for the majority to be removed by adjacent craft, and the number of casualties, if any, is considered to be small.

The vessel left Canton at 3 p.m. on Monday and after passing Whampoa, met an upward bound steamer, the wash from which, it is alleged, swamped the Tejo, causing her to come to open, with the result that within a few minutes her holds were flooded. She was completely submerged by 7.15 p.m., but meanwhile the Kwong Cheung steam launch had already taken off about 120 passengers, while two motor boats also aided in the rescue work, supported by the Chinese gunboat Kong Ku, which stood by until the final sinking.

The Tejo was a small steel twin screw steamer of 322 tons gross, built in 1900 by Murdoch and Murray of Glasgow for river service. Until recently she was owned by Nicolaus and Company and flew the Brazilian flag, with registry in Para.

TICKET SUSPENDED.

KWANGSI SECOND OFFICER FOUND TO BLAME.

Shanghai, Nov. 21.

A Naval Court Inquiry has suspended for six months the certificate as first mate of the Second Officer, Mr. F. G. Garrett, in connection with the stranding of the Kwangsi. The Court recommends that Mr. Garrett

NEW DOLLAR LINER.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON ADDED TO COMPANY'S FLEET.

Mr. R. Stanley Dollar, Vice-President and General Manager of the Dollar S. S. Line, announces that the name of the new President liner, the former Manchuria, recently acquired by the Dollar Line, will be known as the President Johnson and will take place as the 18th passenger vessel of the company.

The President Johnson is now in New York, preparatory to reconditioning to become ready to join the fleet. Announcement of the placing of the bids and her date of going into service has not been made.

Andrew Johnson, after whom the ship is named, was Vice-President in Lincoln's second administration and was slain by John Wilkes Booth a month after inauguration as 17th President of the United States, taking office at a period filled with the grave problems of reconstruction following the Civil War.

Johnson, whose life span was from 1808 to 1875, was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. He started his life work as a tailor's apprentice. After marriage his wife undertook his education, and largely through her public career he was regarded as the spokesman and champion of the poor and labouring classes.

The plans for the formal bestowal of the name of President Johnson on the new addition to the Dollar Line fleet have not been formulated.

be granted a certificate of Second Mate during that period.—Reuter.
(The C. N. C. S. Kwangsi went ashore on Ping Rock, to the north of Amoy last month. H.M.S. Sirdar and Submarine L.S. proceeded to the scene at full speed and stood by for protection against possible pirate attacks while the steamer Anhui conducted salvage operations.)

THE CHINA COAST.

RECENT CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Captain A. Cook, of the Shast, has gone master, Chenan. Captain J. R. Niblet, from Homo leave, has gone master, Shast. Captain J. D. Fraser, of the Chenan, is on reserve.

Mr. Y. N. Campbell, chief officer, Chenan, has gone chief officer, Shuntien. Mr. J. R. Forster, second officer, Shuntien, has gone chief officer, Chenan. Mr. S. de Candia, second officer, Hsin Peking, has gone second officer, Shuntien.

Mr. T. P. Beatty, chief officer, Shuntien, has gone chief officer, Hsin Peking. Mr. D. S. Simpson, extra second officer, Tungchow, has gone second officer, Hanyang. Mr. D. C. Sim, second officer, Hanyang, has gone second officer, Tungchow.

Mr. J. McKelvie, extra chief officer, Hsin Peking, has resigned from the China Navigation Company.

Mr. A. Oliver, chief officer, Shengking, has resigned from the China Navigation Company. Mr. G. R. Torrible, second officer, Tungchow, has gone acting chief officer, Shengking.

Mr. J. Worsley, extra second officer, Hsin Peking, has gone second officer, Fengtien. Mr. R. Curnow, second officer, Fengtien, has gone extra second officer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. P. Jenkins, extra second officer, Hsin Peking, has gone second officer, Szechuen.

Mr. T. Johnson, chief officer, Hsin Peking, has gone chief officer, Kiating. Mr. L. F. Garrett, from reserve, has gone extra second officer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. J. W. Bennett, from reserve, has gone second officer, Antung.

Mr. C. Gray, second engineer officer, Sunning, is on reserve. Mr. J. M. Munro, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, Sunning.

Mr. T. R. Pringle, chief engineer officer, Sunning, has gone extra chief engineer officer, Waila.

Mr. A. Macdonald, acting third engineer officer, Ngankin, has gone acting third engineer officer, Yunnan.

Mr. W. Paxton, extra second engineer officer, Wuchang, is on Homo leave.

Mr. J. W. E. Tonkin, third engineer officer, Watung, is on reserve.

Mr. E. J. A. Porter, chief officer, Leungwo, is on reserve.

Mr. W. Wanderluch, third engineer officer, Tuckow, has gone third engineer officer, Kutwo. Mr. R. S. Matthews has been appointed third engineer officer, Tuckow.

Mr. G. W. Russell, chief engineer officer, Kutwo, is on reserve.

Captain J. H. Gregory, of the Hai Kwang, has gone master, Ah Kwang. Exchange Captain F. L. Le Bouliller, from reserve, has gone master Hai Kwang.—Shipping and Engineering.

IMPERIAL BUREAUX.

COMMITTEE HOLDS ITS FIRST MEETING.

London, Nov. 21.

The first meeting of the Financial Supervisory Committee appointed in accordance with the recommendations of the Imperial Agricultural Research Conference of 1922, to consider the establishment of further Imperial Bureaux and correspondence centres in connexion with agricultural research, was held yesterday at the Dominions Office.

Mr. Amery announced that the Governments of the Empire had accepted the principle of establishment of these bureaux and centres, and the committee had now assembled to consider detailed schemes for their creation.—British Wireless.

DIPLOMATS & PENSION.

BILL TO BE INTRODUCED TO EFFECT CHANGES.

London, Nov. 21.

The House of Commons last night resolved by 312 votes to 88 to allow the introduction of a Bill granting the members of the Diplomatic Service the same pensionable rights as other members of the Civil Service.

It was explained that after the amalgamation of the Diplomatic Service with the Foreign Office in 1919, a diplomat who happened to be employed continuously in the Foreign Office could qualify for no pension whatever, since only service abroad counts. The Bill proposed would bring all diplomats under the Civil Service Superannuation Act.

One or two members of the left wing of the Labour Party criticised the proposal, but Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Labour Party, disagreed strongly with their comments, and stated that he looked forward to the transforming of the Civil Service into a far more active agency of national organisation and government than at present. The very highest ability was essential in the Civil Service, and he intended to vote for one means of making that service as attractive as to prevent its members being tempted into leaving it for better-paid occupations.

His view was supported by other members of his party, including Mr. J. H. Thomas, and by Mr. Charleson, a member of the selection board for the Diplomatic and Consular Services.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE TRIAL.

OPENING OF CASE AGAINST ALLEGED COMMUNISTS.

Osaka, Nov. 21.

The first public trial of 99 alleged Communists, who were arrested at the time of the round-up of Radicals in spring, took place this morning.

A lively scene occurred shortly prior to the opening of the case, when friends and relatives of the prisoners attempted to enter the court building, despite prohibition, and engaged in a tussle with the police, who arrested several.—Reuter.

THE HOME C.I.D.

SUCCESSOR TO SIR WYNDHAM CHILDS ANNOUNCED.

London, Nov. 21.

Mr. Trevor Bigham, the Assistant Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, will in future assume control of the Criminal Investigation Department in place of Sir Wyndham Childs, who resigned recently.

Mr. Norman Kendal, the Deputy Commissioner, will take over the duties hitherto performed by Mr. Bigham. The latter has for a long time made a close study of criminal investigation work.—British Wireless.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
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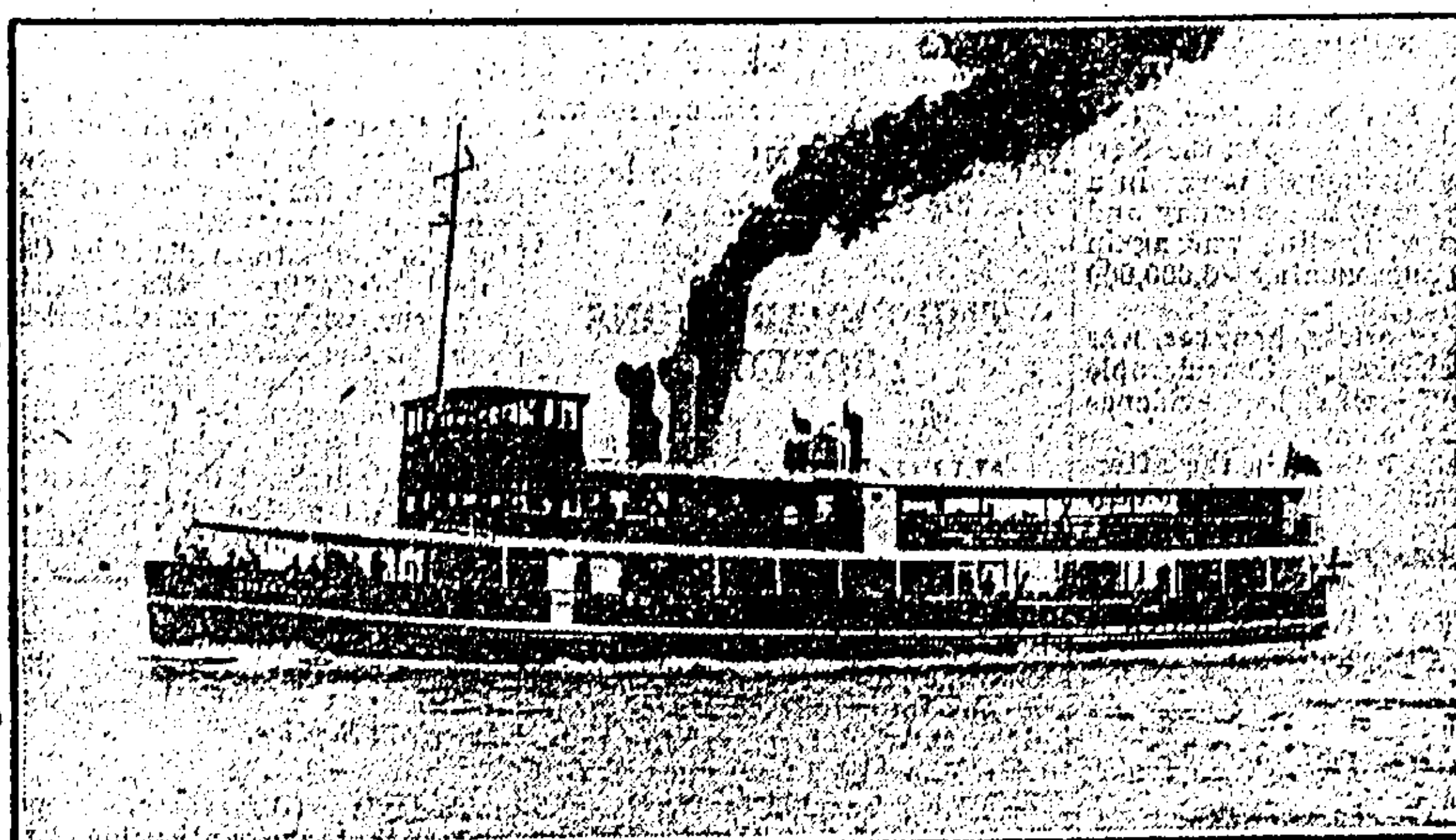
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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th November, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 12th December, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, November 22nd, 1923.

AIR TRANSPORT.

LATEST SCHEME OF THE HOME RAILWAYS.

London, Nov. 21.

In order to be prepared for future developments in the use of air transport, the railway companies have given notice of their intention to apply to Parliament for powers to conduct an air service.

It is understood that if the necessary powers are granted, the companies will hold them in reserve, but the possibility of using an air service for the transport of perishable goods in cases requiring rapid transit is being considered. The Bill promoted by the railway companies seeking powers for conducting road services is at present before Parliament.—British Wireless.

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LORDS DEBATE ON PROTECTION.

LABOUR'S POLICY CRITICISED AS CLUMSY.

GOVERNMENT STAND.

London, Nov. 21.
Lord Arnold, in the House of Lords, raised the question of Safeguarding Duties and moved a resolution demanding from the Government a clear and unequivocal declaration of its programme in this respect.

The Earl of Plymouth, replying for the Government, said the declared policy of the Labour Party, to prohibit the importation of goods produced under sweated conditions abroad, was a form of Protection infinitely more clumsy than the procedure being applied by the Government.

The Safeguarding Duties had justified themselves. They had increased employment and production in the industries to which they had been applied. He reiterated the pledge that the Government would introduce no taxes on food.

The policy of the Government in regard to Safeguarding had been entirely consistent and logical from the beginning. They loyally accepted the verdict of the electorate in 1923 against Protection. They had no intention then, and still had no intention, of introducing Protection through the back door of Safeguarding Duties. But it was perfectly clear that at the General Election in 1924 the Government received a very definite mandate to proceed with the Safeguarding Duties.

The Government intended to continue its policy on the same general lines as in the past.—*British Wireless.*

LABOUR THREAT IN CABLE DEBATE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Labour leader expressed the view that the Advisory Committee had not been given sufficient power to compel the Board of Directors to carry out their will or advice.

He urged that the contract should be debated in the House.

Losses in Operation.

Sir John Gilmour, who presided at the Imperial Conference, winding-up the debate on behalf of the Government, emphasised the necessity for keeping alive cable communications for the purposes of safety and secrecy.

He quoted figures showing the increasing losses suffered in the operation of the Government cables and also stated that heavy and crushing losses had been sustained by the privately-owned ones.

The Imperial Conference, was faced with the problem of maintaining cable communication at the least costly method for the taxpayer and of discovering some method of working which would enable the freest development of the latest inventions through the beam or otherwise.

Sir John Gilmour pointed out that the Advisory Committee would represent all the partner Governments, and were responsible in their different countries for the safeguarding of a proper service of the public interests.

Mr. MacDonald's motion was defeated by 258 votes to 134 and the second reading was accepted.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

GAMBLING ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

SEAT SOLD FOR A TERRIFIC FIGURE.

New York, Nov. 21.
The opposing forces on the New York Stock Exchange were in a turmoil at the opening to-day and the volume of trading was again enormous, approaching 6,000,000 shares.

The rise of prices, however, was sharply checked. Considerable profit-taking was in evidence throughout the day.

About 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, the market was decidedly weak, but prices rallied towards the close.

A sent on the Stock Market was to-day sold for \$525,000 which is a new record.—*Reuter.*

NEW OIL MERGER.

GERMAN COMPANY IS INVOLVED.

Berlin, Nov. 21.
Negotiations are nearing a successful conclusion, whereby the Anglo-Persian Oil Company will acquire control of the Olex Petroleum Company, one of the leading oil concerns in Germany.—*Reuter.*

COLLECTOR OF STRAY DOGS FINED.

BENEVOLENT SANITARY INSPECTOR.

While expressing admiration for the benevolence of a Sanitary Inspector in providing a stray dog with food, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, before whom the inspector was charged with allowing the dog to be abroad without a muzzle and keeping the animal without a license, commented that members of the Sanitary Department had an added duty to perform as they were responsible for the origin of the order.

The defendant, Inspector Sinton, said the dog did not belong to him though he was willing to take the consequences. He explained that the dog had for some time been roaming about the streets of Shamshui and on one occasion he had given it food. Since then it had frequently appeared at his office and had become attached to him.

Defendant said it was never his intention to obtain a license or a muzzle for the dog.

His Worship pointed out that the dog had become attached to defendant, who was responsible for it.

It was stated by Sergeant Cordoux that defendant could have taken the dog to the Shamshui Police Station to be sent to the Dogs' Home.

Defendant said he would be taking dogs to the Station every day in that case.

His Worship: How many more dogs have you got attached to you?

Defendant replied that he had no more dogs attached to him but there were many stray dogs roaming about Shamshui.

His Worship repeated that defendant, as a Sanitary Inspector, had an added responsibility.

The defendant was fined \$4 on each charge.

SINKING OF THE "TEJO."

SIGHTED BY STEAMER BEFORE MISHAP.

In connexion with the sinking of the s.s. Tejo, below Whampoa, it is learned that a local river vessel passed the Tejo at 5.40 p.m. on Monday, heading back to Canton.

At the time of sighting, she had a heavy list to starboard and it appeared that she was overloaded. Cargo which was stowed on the top deck was being hurriedly transferred to the lower deck, with the apparent object of bringing the craft back to an even keel.

The reason for the Tejo's effort to return to Canton is a mystery, as the safest plan would have been to beach her in the vicinity, where the muddy bank would have provided an easy resting place, with ample protection from the forts close by.

THE SINO-JAPANESE DEADLOCK.

MR. YADA STILL HOPES FOR SETTLEMENT.

Nanking, Nov. 21.
In spite of the deadlock reached in the Sino-Japanese negotiations over the question of the evacuation of Japanese troops from Shantung, Mr. Yada still thinks there is a possibility of progress being made, although expressing the view that as complications have arisen, not a great deal can be done at the moment.

If the Chinese maintain their stand on the troop question and Mr. Yada fails to persuade them to take up the matter of the Hanlow and Nanking incidents, he will return to Shanghai shortly and there await further instructions from his Government.

THE REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

ALLIED REPLY NOT YET READY.

London, Nov. 21.
It is authoritatively stated in London that although, so far as is known, no differences of view exist on any important points of principle, the full terms of the reply which the Allied Governments will in due course send to the German Government on the subject of the proposed Commission of Experts to deal with the reparations problem have not yet been definitely fixed.

The manner in which the reply will be communicated has also not yet been decided, nor has any decision been reached as to the number of experts or the place of meeting.—*British Wireless.*

FORGED BANKNOTE CASE.

TWELVE CHINESE BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

NO BAIL ALLOWED.

The ten men and two women who were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell on Monday in connexion with the forged bank-note case appeared again before his Worship this morning and were remanded for one week.

It will be recalled that the arrests of the defendants came about following a series of police raids over the week-end. Since their last appearance before the Magistrate, one further man had been arrested and he was also arraigned before the Magistrate this morning.

Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro appeared for two of the men defendants, and Mr. C. E. L. Grist also appeared on behalf of one man.

In asking for a remand, Mr. T. Murphy, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, explained that it would give the police time to go into the plant seized and would also enable the Government Analyst to examine the exhibits.

It was indicated that expert witnesses would probably have to be called into the case from outside the Colony.

Mr. D'Almada asked for bail on behalf of his client, but the application found opposition from Mr. Murphy, who said he had had no opportunity to go into the case. Mr. D'Almada's clients said Murphy came to a "house" together from outside the Colony and one had a forged note on him. All the other defendants had something or other to connect them with the case. At the next hearing he would be able to deal with each man separately, but he must oppose bail at the moment.

In granting the remand, his Worship informed Mr. D'Almada that he was not disposed to grant bail at the present stage.

NOTED GERMAN DRAMATIST.

DEATH OF HERMANN SUDERMANN.

Berlin, Nov. 21.
The death is announced of Hermann Sudermann, the noted German dramatist and novelist.—*Reuter.*

Hermann Sudermann was born on September 30th, 1857, at Matzken, East Prussia, close to the Russian frontier, of a Mennonite family long settled near Elbing. His father owned a small brewery in the village of Heydekrug, and Sudermann received his early education at the Realschule in Elbing, but his parents having been reduced in circumstances, he was apprenticed to a chemist at the age of fourteen.

He was, however, enabled to enter the Realschule in Tilsit, and to study philosophy and history at Königsberg University. In order to complete his studies, Sudermann went to Berlin, where he was a tutor in several families. He next became a journalist, was from 1881 to 1882 editor of the *Deutsches Reichsblatt*, and then devoted himself to novel writing. He was a most prolific writer, and his first drama "Die Ehre," inaugurated a new period on the history of the German stage. One of his most powerful social novels was "Es War," which has been translated into English.

THE VESTRI INQUIRY RESUMED.

CHIEF OFFICER MAKES ADMISSIONS.

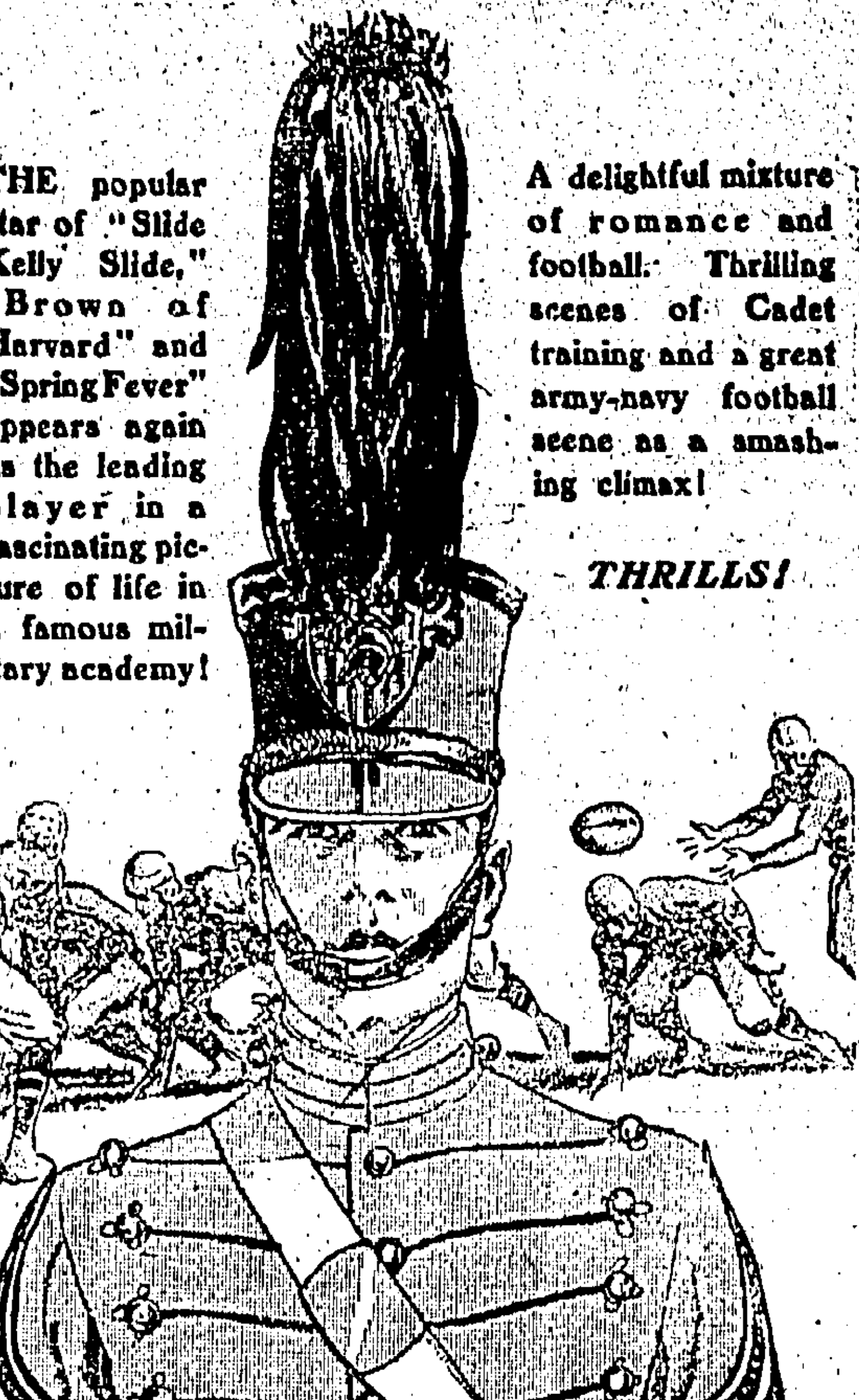
New York, Nov. 21.
At the resumed inquiry into the loss of the British liner Vestris, Mr. Tuttle, the American attorney, expressed his intention of adopting the suggestions made by Captain McConkey, the British Assessor, with a view to throwing light on the disaster.

Evidence was given by Mr. Frank Johnston, the Chief Officer of the Vestris, who, on being recalled, admitted that the release mechanism of the lifeboats was unsatisfactory and the discipline unsatisfactory.

He also said that when the vessel was sinking, the crew members were absent from their stations at the lifeboats.—*Reuter's American Service.*

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone now central near Shanghai is moving eastward. A somewhat deep depression to the N.E. of Japan is moving E.N.E. The typhoon is about 500 miles E.S.S. of Manila, moving westward. Fresh to strong monsoon will continue over the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

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